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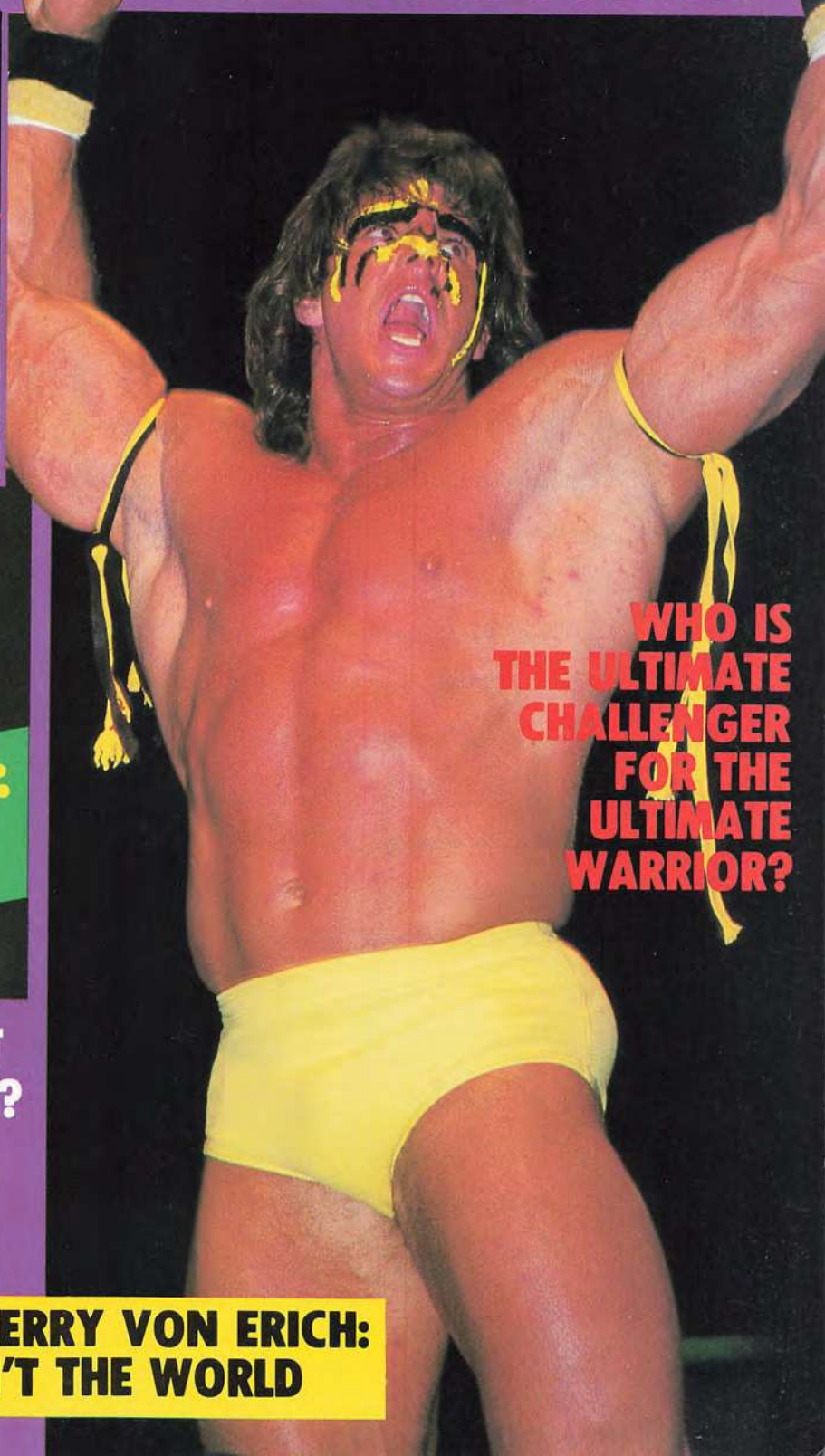

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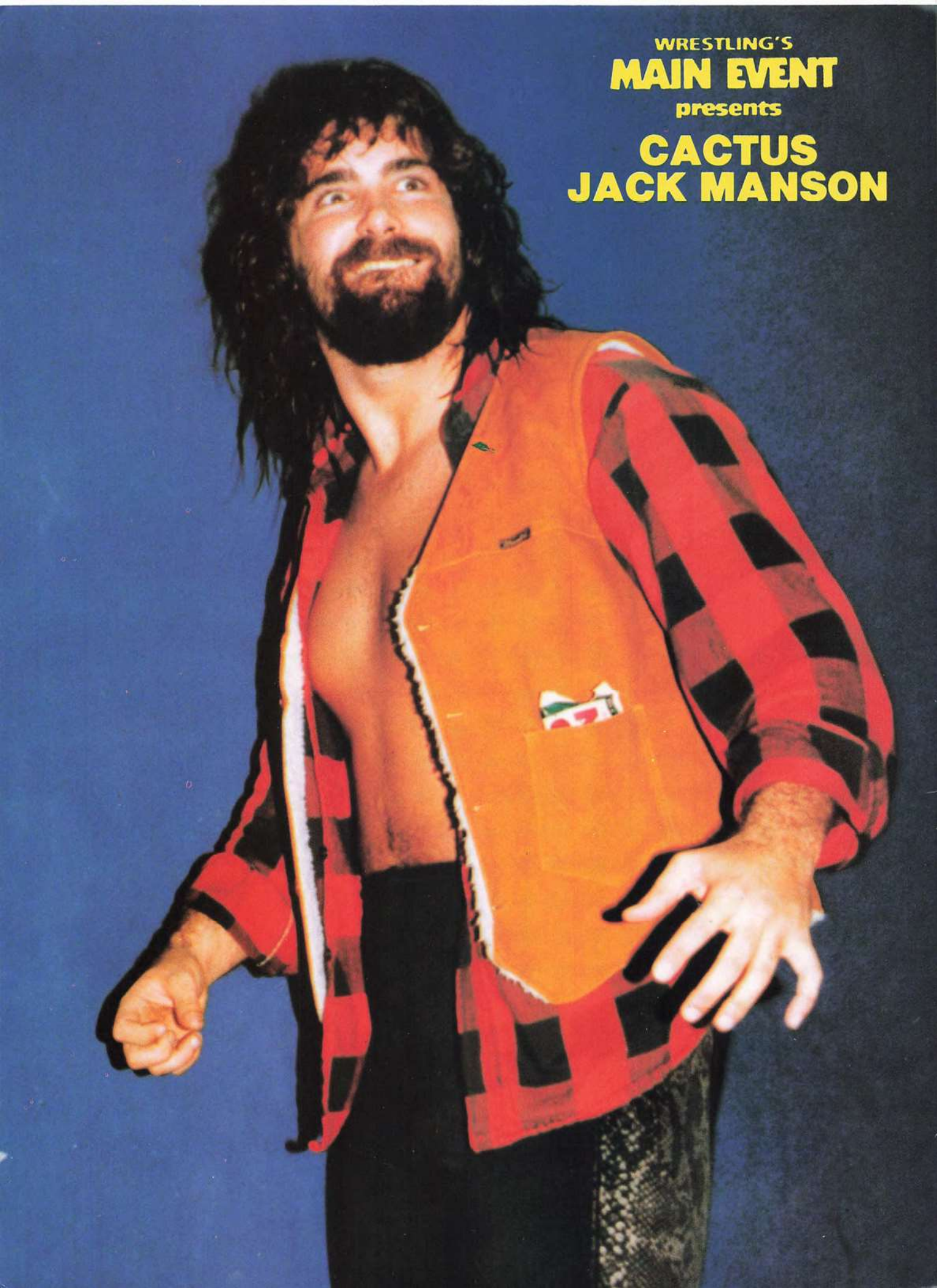
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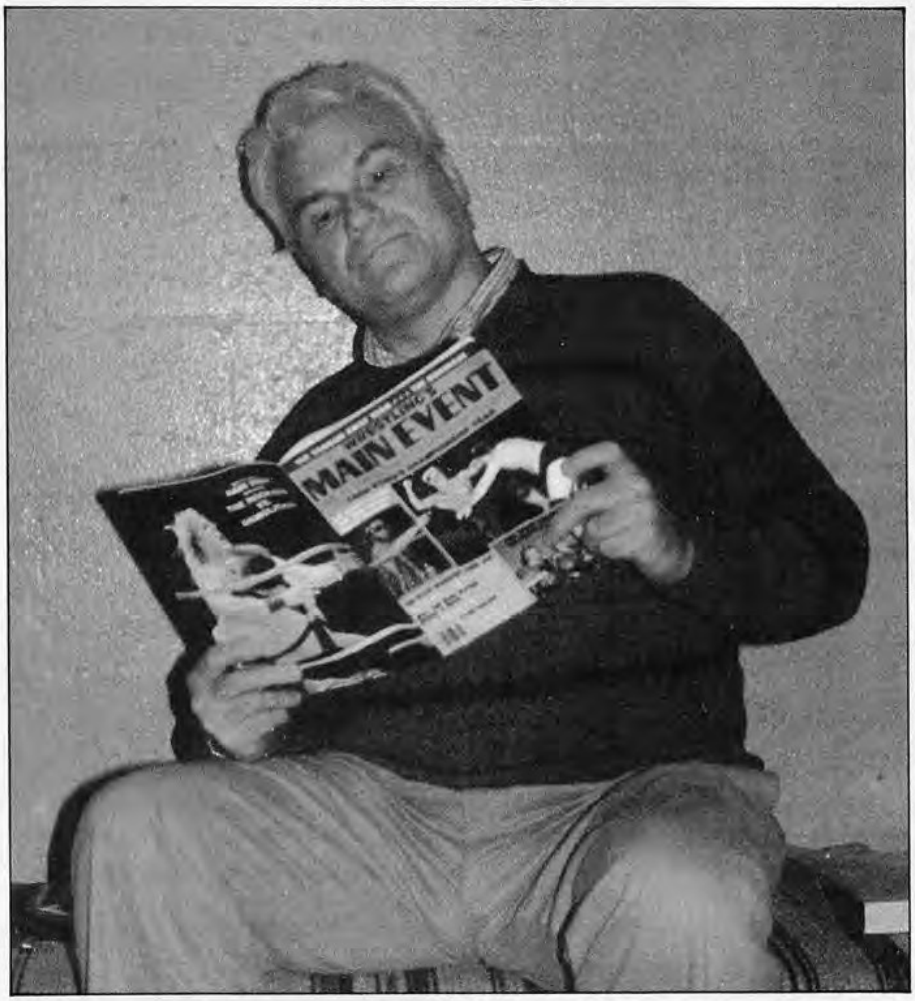

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Two recent events which occurred in wrestling will have widespread ramifications on the sport throughout 1989. The two events were Dusty Rhodes leaving the NWA to go back to the Florida promotion and the AWA stripping Jerry Lawler of the AWA World Heavyweight Championship, which ultimately became Larry Zbyszko's World Title.

Dusty Rhodes, a fixture in the NWA for several years, left the promotion due to a break-down in negotiating a new contract with Ted Turner's Universal Wrestling Corp. Dusty weighed all the options and decided to return to the area of his greatest success stories, Florida, where he is truly the "legend" he claims to be. He bought majority interest in the Florida promotion and intends to rebuild the promotion into what it was in the 70's, the best regional promotion in the sport. Dusty may also wrestle part-time in the AWA, and that move should help the AWA add to its popularity and help it grow. It will be interesting to see how successful Rhodes is in Florida as regional promotions have lost almost all their popularity in recent years due to the expansion of both the NWA and WWF. Regional promotions may be making a comeback. Wrestlers are beginning to tire of the constant travel demands working for a national promotion require and are turning more and more to the smaller, regional promotions, even though it means taking a big pay cut. Along with the Florida promotion, the new promotion in Virginia and the Carolinas, Atlantic Coast Wrestling, has been attracting top talent which used to appear in the NWA and WWF. Stampede, in Canada, has brought former WWF standouts, Don Muraco and the British Bulldogs into the area in recent months. In actuality, when wrestling was a regional business with co-operative agreements between promoters and unwritten rules regarding the territorial boundaries of each promotion, it was a better sport than it is today. Today jobs are scarce, most of the promotions are boring, the lack of movement of wrestlers between promotions is discouraging and the results have been reflected in attendance figures across America, constantly getting lower. Hopefully the Florida promotion will be successful and start a new trend in the sport.

Jerry Lawler apparently got a big head after becoming the "Unified" World Heavyweight Champion. He decided to tell the promotions how to run their business. Three weeks after beating Kerry Von Erich in Chicago to unify the belts, Lawler came out on Memphis TV with a new unified World Championship belt. He announced he was sending back the AWA and WCCW Championship belts to the promotions where they should run tournaments to name new Champions, who would be #1 contenders for the unified World Title, held by Lawler. The AWA Championship committee disagreed with this idea. They consider their Championship, in existence for over thirty years, to be a valid World Championship and didn't like Lawler "suggesting" they turn it into a regional belt, not recognized world-wide. Lawler insisted he was to be known as the "Unified" World Champion, the AWA expected him to continue to be the AWA World Champion. Tensions between the two factions intensified and Lawler did not show up on three different occasions to defend the AWA World Championship against Don Muraco, whom the AWA had designated the #1 contender for the AWA belt. With the third non-appearance on January 20th, the AWA announced Jerry Lawler was stripped of the AWA Heavyweight Title and a new Champion was to be named on February 7th in St. Paul, Minnesota. A Battle Royal was held to name a new Champion and Larry Zbyszko won it and is now recognized as the World Champion. Where does that leave Lawler? Well, he is still calling himself the "Unified" World Champion, however, the only promotions now recognizing his claim are the WCCW and the CWA in Memphis with the possibility that the CWF in the deep south will acknowledge Lawler as the World Champion.

Dusty Rhodes left the NWA and will try to revive the sport in Florida.

Lawler, who had brought much respect to himself and the AWA in the way he defended the belt against anyone, has now seen his title claim lose almost all credibility. The "unified" belt he now wears is, in actuality, the WCCW World belt, a title most wrestling fans and experts have never really recognized as a World title, since it rarely was defended outside the state of Texas. Also, the three promotions who will recognize Jerry Lawler don't have the national appeal that the AWA does, nor the visibility of a national TV contract. Good luck, Jerry Lawler, in defending your title, I hope you can do as good a job at defending it as you did the AWA Championship and increasing its prestige. But, until then, as one of our competitors says, thumbs down, for you made a big, big mistake.■

—Sandy Krebs

LETTERS
To The Editor

ROUGEAUS RULE

I read the story about the Rougeaus in the March '89 issue of WME. In the story it was written that "The Rougeaus were great wrestlers before they were fabulous". I say they're still great wrestlers although I'd rather see them managed by Frenchy Martin instead of Jimmy Hart.

Not many people know the history of the Rougeaus. Their father, Jacques Sr., was a great wrestler in Canada. I consider him the Bruno Sammartino of Canadian wrestling. Jacques Sr. taught his sons well (the Rougeaus have another brother named Armond who is wrestling in Montreal). Jacques and Raymond became the Canadian Tag Team Champions in their provence of Quebec. Sometime during the mid-80's they feuded with Ronnie and Jimmy Garvin all over Quebec.

The Rougeaus then came to the WWF. They were doing quite well for themselves and they even got a shot at then Champions, the Hart Foundation. On August 10, 1987 in the Montreal Forum the main event was the Champions, the Hart Foundation vs the challengers, the Rougeau Brothers, a special match having two referees. The Rougeaus defeated the Hart Foundation for the Tag Team Championship. As of today, I want to know *why* the Rougeaus don't have the belts around their waists. If you know, tell me!

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A lot of people are going to think I'm crazy, but I really think that "The Gamesmaster" Kevin Sullivan is one of the most gorgeous wrestlers in wrestling. He has a very cute and evil smile and I love that look in his eyes. If I was ever to see him in person, up close, I'd be so awed by his gorgeous looks and body I would probably faint. He just sends shivers up and down my spine. In a future issue could you please have a poster of Sullivan? I need something to hang up above my bed.

Noelle Gallegos
Queens, N.Y.

HOORAY FOR CWF COVERAGE

I am writing in response to an article that was written by Sandy Krebs in your March, 1989 issue. The article was entitled "CWF Heavyweight Title Tournament in Birmingham Alabama "The Road to Birmingham"." I felt the article was well written and the writer seemed to know what he was talking about. I really enjoy the pictures because there were a lot of my favorite wrestlers there. I really wanted to be at that particular show but it was impossible. I am glad someone is finally publishing articles about the CWF. I have just moved back to North Carolina from Knoxville, Tennessee and I miss these guys greatly. I would travel for about 3 hours to see them. My favorite is Tom Prichard, I have many photographs of him but most of them I took myself. Your photographer, Steve Stogdale, seemed to capture Tom as I would love to remember him. Thank you so much for the wonderful article about my favorite wrestling federation.

Teresa Beddard
Plymouth, N.C.

PLEASE COME TO EUROPE!!

I am a member of the United States Air Force stationed in West Germany. I recently attended an evening of wrestling matches, sponsored by the IWA, at the Saarlandhalle in Saarbrucken, West Germany. The matches included an appearance by the ladies Champion, Misty Blue.

To some wrestling-starved Americans living overseas, the evening was like a breath of fresh air. When you consider our extent of wrestling consists of tapes from the States and year-old "WWF Superstars of Wrestling" on the American Forces Radio and Television Service, you can understand our excitement.

If a small organization like the IWA can bring wrestling overseas, what's stopping the WWF, NWA, AWA, WCCW and others? Let's talk about the future, specifically 1989 and 1990. Come on Jack Tunney, bring Randy and Elizabeth. Wake up Ted Turner, Ric Flair would be more hated overseas than you could imagine. Think about it, Verne Gagne, let the AWA Champion defend his belt in Germany. Now about it, Fritz?! Bring Kevin and Kerry.

I guarantee one thing, with a million Americans living overseas, I'll still be one of the first in line to buy my ticket.

SSgt Tom Abele
Ramstein Air Base, Germany

(ed. note: The WWF makes one trip a year to Europe, no other promotion does at this time. Some of them should look into promoting overseas more often.)

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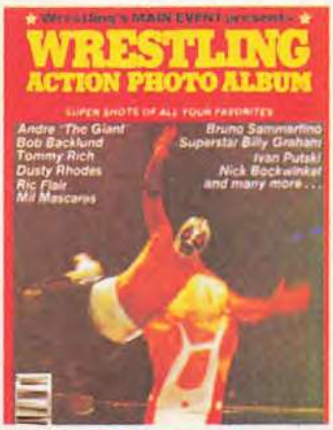

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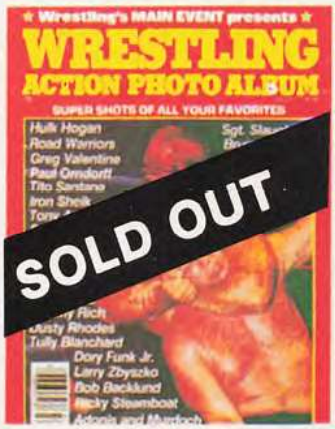

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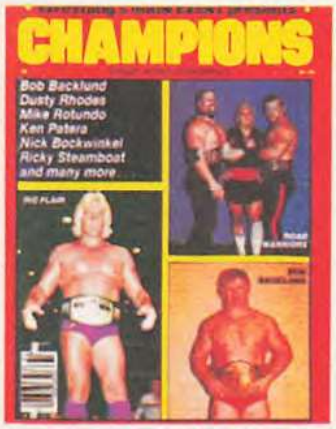

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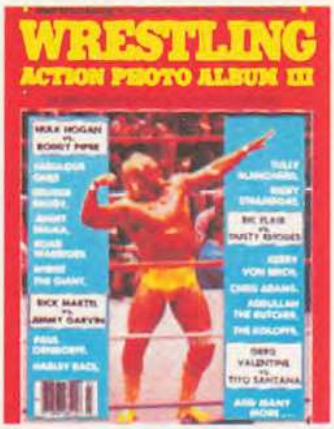

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ADVICE FOR KERRY VON ERICH: TEXAS AIN'T THE WORLD

By CHRIS BALLEW

A year ago, this magazine published an article heralding the return of one of wrestling's biggest stars, one of the finest to ever grace the squared circle. His return would end his two-year struggle to regain his health and salvage his career after a devastating accident and a series of family trials. His re-entry into the arena of professional wrestling was solidified when he captured the World Class Heavyweight Championship title. It seemed, at this point, that Kerry Von Erich was finally back on track, ready to earn the wrestling world's respect.

Enter Jerry Lawler. Lawler became a World Champion himself, defeating Curt Hennig for the AWA gold last spring. The world of pro wrestling was overjoyed when "the King" finally achieved World Champion status, but Lawler was disturbed that his was not the only World title, and that his was not considered the most respected of the major World titles. Although this has never been decided officially, it is generally accepted that the NWA World title is the most respected of the World Championships, thus Ric Flair was considered to be wrestling's consumate Champion. In an effort to rectify this situation, Lawler called the offices of the National Wrestling Alliance to sign a match with Ric Flair. He was told by NWA officials that Flair was allowed to wrestle only NWA contenders. Frustrated, Lawler contacted the World Wrestling Federation, to arrange a shot at the "Macho Man". Vince laughed in his face. Angered, Lawler called World Class Championship Wrestling, hoping that their Champion would be allowed to wrestle him with both titles on the line. Kerry Von Erich accepted at once, and a date was set to unify the AWA and World Class Heavyweight titles, with the hope that there would be one universally recognized Champion. Not one, but several very controversial, very inconclusive matches failed to unify the titles, so it was decided that the final showdown would be at SuperClash III, to be held at the UIC Pavilion in Chicago. There would be a winner, no matter what, because neither organization could afford for the match to end inconclusively, due to technicalities.

In the weeks before the big match, Lawler, normally a man of good conduct, abandoned such protocol in favor of taking cheap shots at his opponent, constantly referring to the tragedies in Kerry's life as ". . . . .the most incredible run of bad luck I've ever seen." In spite of Lawler's mind games, Kerry remained cool, and went into this very important match with all the confidence in the world.

Both World Champions put everything

Kerry Von Erich has reached the crossroads of his career. Chasing Jerry Lawler and the "Unified" World Title, a title with little prestige without AWA recognition, is fruitless. It is our opinion that Kerry should leave Texas and wrestle for another federation where his popularity, success and fame should grow. Kerry, take WME's advice, get out of Texas, Texas ain't the world!!

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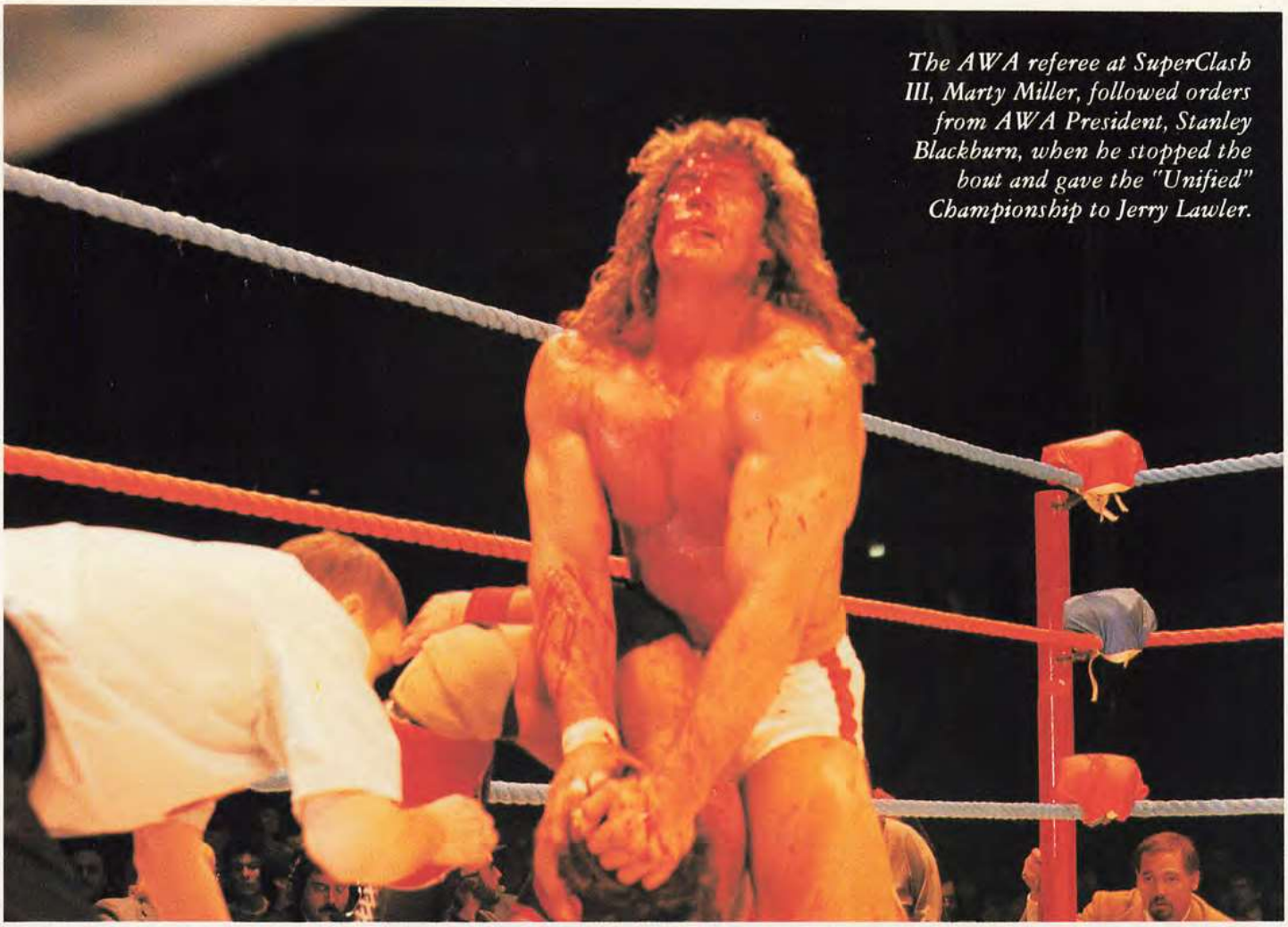


The AWA referee at SuperClash III, Marty Miller, followed orders from AWA President, Stanley Blackburn, when he stopped the bout and gave the "Unified" Championship to Jerry Lawler.

they had into that match, not excluding a considerable amount of blood. Ironically, blood would be the deciding factor in this match, not a pinfall or submission. Kerry had Lawler trapped in the Iron Claw, and it seemed that the "Modern Day Warrior" would soon walk away with two Championship belts instead of one. In a moment when a submission was just seconds away, Kerry Von Erich was forced to concede, when the official determined that he could not continue with such a massive blood loss. In spite of his pleas to continue, the bell sounded and the match concluded.

The result was the same as if Kerry had lost by pinfall or submission—Jerry Lawler walked away with both belts, and was recognized officially as the Champion of both the AWA and WCCW. As I write this, Lawler has already been stripped of the AWA title, and a new Champion has been crowned. Larry Zbyszko is the new AWA Champion, and Jerry Lawler is now WCCW Champ. Kerry seems to have become lost in all the title trading of the past few months. For the man who was the last WCCW Champion, his name has hardly been mentioned.

I want to make my stance on this perfectly clear. It is this writer's opinion that Kerry Von Erich should leave the Texas mat wars and head for another federation. Think this is a misprint? Permit me to reiterate—Kerry should get out of Texas. Before you sentimentalists cry foul, let me explain why he should

Kerry Von Erich has taken severe beatings the last few months in Texas.

leave. For one thing, who wants to be Jerry Lawler's sideshow? Even die-hard Von Erich fans are not going to tune in to watch the "Modern Day Warrior" play second fiddle to Lawler. Another reason would be that Kerry, at the age of 29, cannot afford to waste time and allow his career to slow down further. He needs to get over being a teen idol and start winning some respect, the respect he deserves.

Perhaps the most intelligent and astute observation would be made by Jerry Lawler—as even he knows that Kerry should be somewhere else. In one of his speeches made before the WCCW audience that would witness one of several failed attempts to unify the titles, Lawler made the simple comment that ". . . .Texas ain't the world."

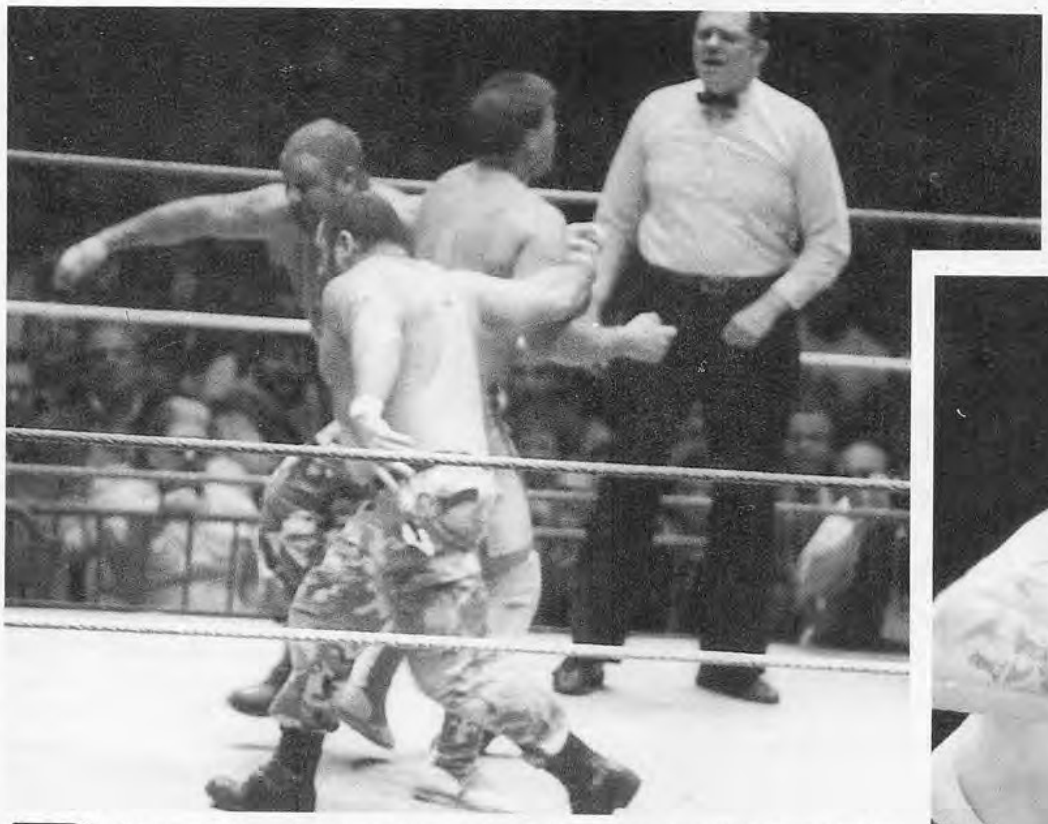
Kerry, the choice is yours—if you stay, you will wake up every morning and be assessed, evaluated, scrutinized, ranked, rated, classified and judged, and you still won't get anywhere you haven't already been. Stay in Texas and allow your once-brilliant mat career to dissolve before your eyes, or get out and shake the wrestling world up a little. The wrestling world is impressed and amazed at how well you have handled the inequities that life has handed you. Truly, you and your family have been placed in circumstances that would bring a tear to a glass eye. But if you allow yourself to be held back, and your career ends in ruin instead of glory . . . . .

That would be the worst tragedy of all.■

After destroying the opposition in 37 countries, the Sheepherders came to America to rule over the American tag team scene and let everyone know how much they despised Americans and the country they live in. Today, the Sheepherders are in the WWF, as the Bushwhackers, and they love *Americans and everything in America and are fighting for us! New Zealand has disowned them, the wrestlers can't trust them and the Bushwhackers are making big bucks in the WWF big-top. How long will this last? What will happen when the Bushwhackers show their true colors?*

THE BUSHWHACKERS:
Turning Their Backs On New Zealand! (can you really trust these guys?)

By JIM ARONSON



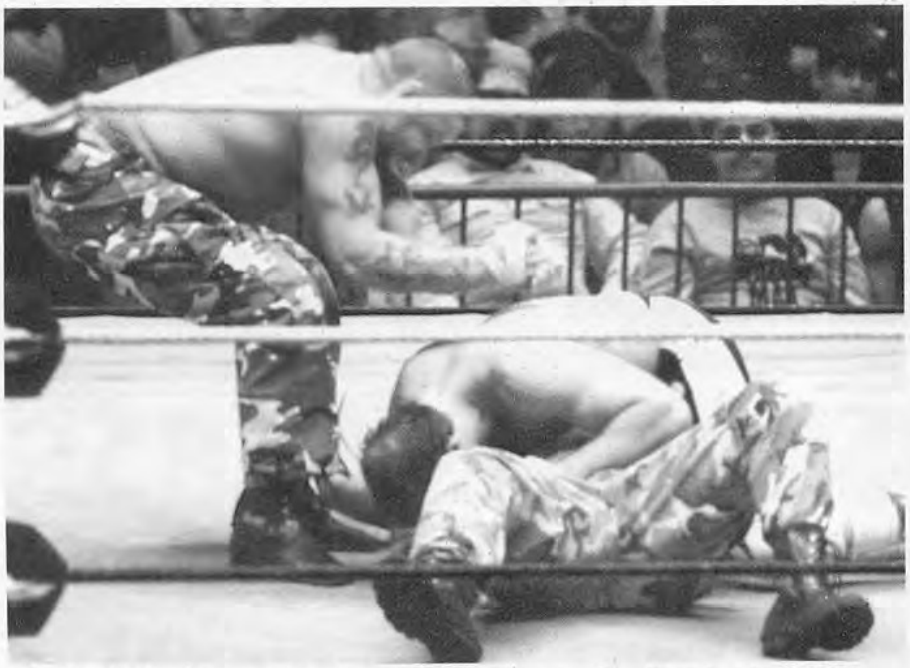
Butch Miller and Luke Williams, the newly named Bushwhackers, now love America. When they were known as the Sheepherders, they hated America.

PHOTOS BY JOHN BARRETT, JOE ZANOLLE, STEPHEN BEYER and DEBRA MOSER.

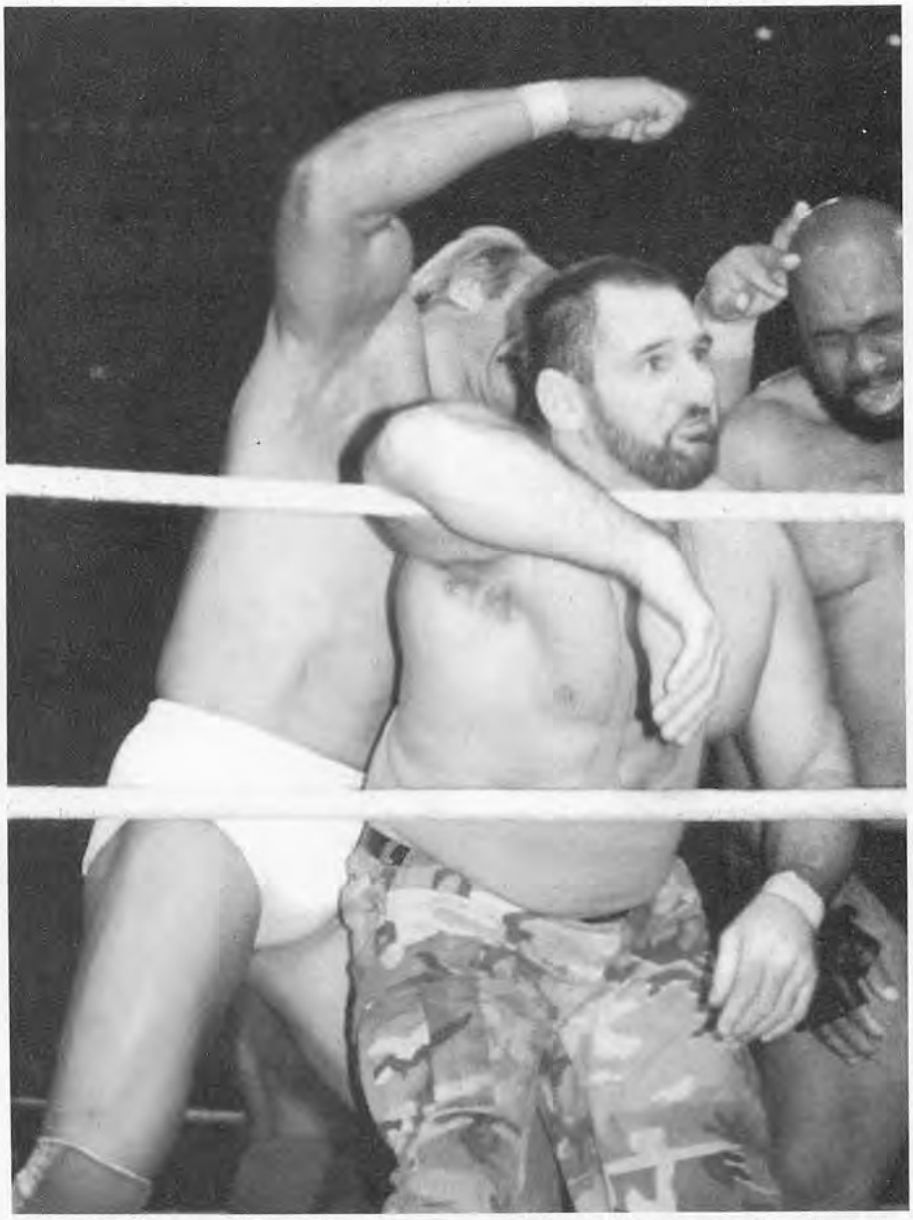
Picture this: when a rule-breaking tag team becomes fan favorites, they leave behind some old fans and gain many new ones. But in the case of "The Bushwhackers," Butch Miller and Luke Williams, they leave behind more than just fans; they have deserted their entire country!

Born in New Zealand, the former "Sheepherders" were brought into this country by Lord Jonathan Boyd. If you were an American, you didn't want to face these guys. Miller and Williams lived and breathed only to destroy American wrestlers. The Sheepherders' motto was "If you ain't from New Zealand, you ain't nothin'!"

When the Sheepherders did associate with wrestlers who weren't from their country, they made sure they weren't from America, either. To trust the Sheepherders was to commit professional suicide. Anyone who wasn't a Sheepherder was worthy of bleeding. Those on the "hit list" over



The Bushwhackers are feuding with the Rougeau Brothers in the WWF.



American fan favorites and rulebreakers alike should not trust these lunatics.

the years included the Rock 'n' Roll Express, Fantastics, Eddie Gilbert and Ron Simmons, and especially, Johnny Ace.

Ace is a story all by himself. As a young wrestler, the Sheepherders took interest in Ace, and adopted him as a "member of the colonies." Ace took pride in the fact that he was associating with a team of successful wrestlers who could teach him the finer points of the sport. Ace did receive a lesson, but it would be a painful one. He barely ever wrestled, and frequently got verbally and physically abused. Miller and Williams were beginning to remember that Ace was not only "just their flagbearer," but he was also an American. One day, he would learn the lesson all Americans learn at the hands of the Sheepherders.

One night at the matches, Ace went to hit his opponent with the flagpole and nailed Miller instead. This was reason enough to finally destroy the young wrestler. Ace was left bloody and beaten in the center of the ring. Another American had bitten the dust.

Unfortunately, the WWF does not inform its fans on the background of its wrestlers. Therefore, most have no knowledge of the newly-named Bushwhackers, or their devious past. Those who do know will hopefully spread the word. What happened to Ace could happen to Rick Martel, Randy Savage, Hulk Hogan, anybody, but Tony Garea (from New Zealand), who is retired anyway.

The Bushwhackers, since appearing in the WWF, have stated their joy over "being in America." Are these guys for real?! Are these the same two guys who hated this country?! Who used to spit on our flags?! Who just months ago on WTBS held up a portrait of themselves flushing America down the toilet?! Yes, this is the same team, except that Vince McMahon has tempted them with something they desire. Not American blood, not championships, but with cold, hard cash!

Picture this: a dark room, with three men in it. (One with a suit, the other two, slobbering). Listen: "How would you like to come to the WWF?"

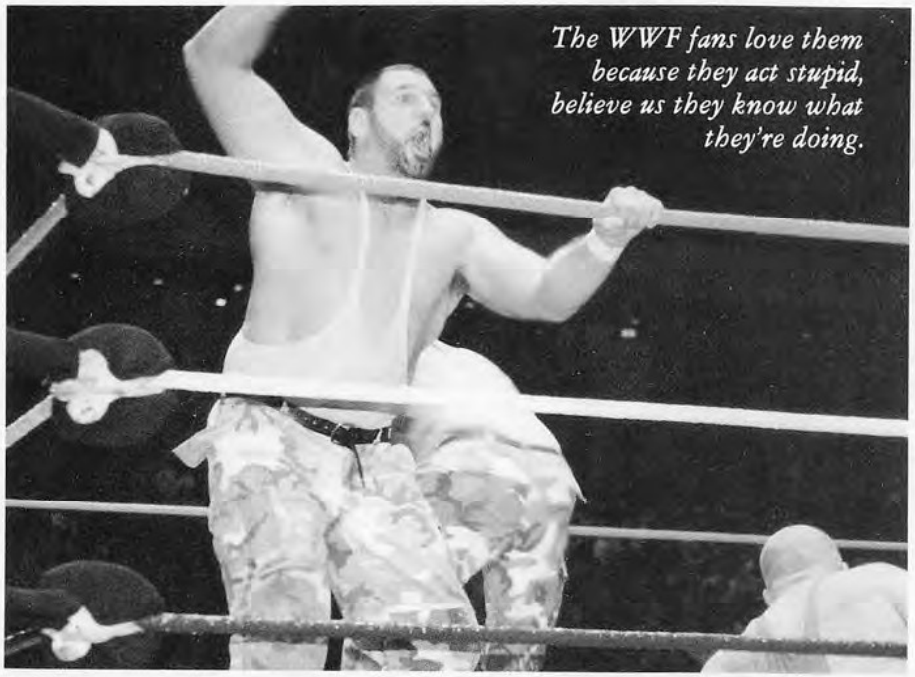
"Sure, why not? There are Americans there we haven't killed yet!!"

"Read this contract". . .

"Ah, Hmmm. . .Oh, WE LOVE AMERICA!!!!"

Maybe Ted DiBiase is right, everybody has a price. Apparently, the only allegiance the Bushwhackers EVER had wasn't to New Zealand, it was to good old, American greenbacks!!!!

But who pays the real price? The fans, that's who. Primarily, they are being LIED to. They are under the assumption that these guys are two happy-go-lucky New Zealanders who like to have a lot of



The WWF fans love them because they act stupid, believe us they know what they're doing.

The Bushwhackers are only wrestling foreign wrestlers in the WWF so far.

fun. They think they are some kind of "Charlie Mansons for parties." If the fans only knew of their devious past; how they have lied, cheated, and injured.

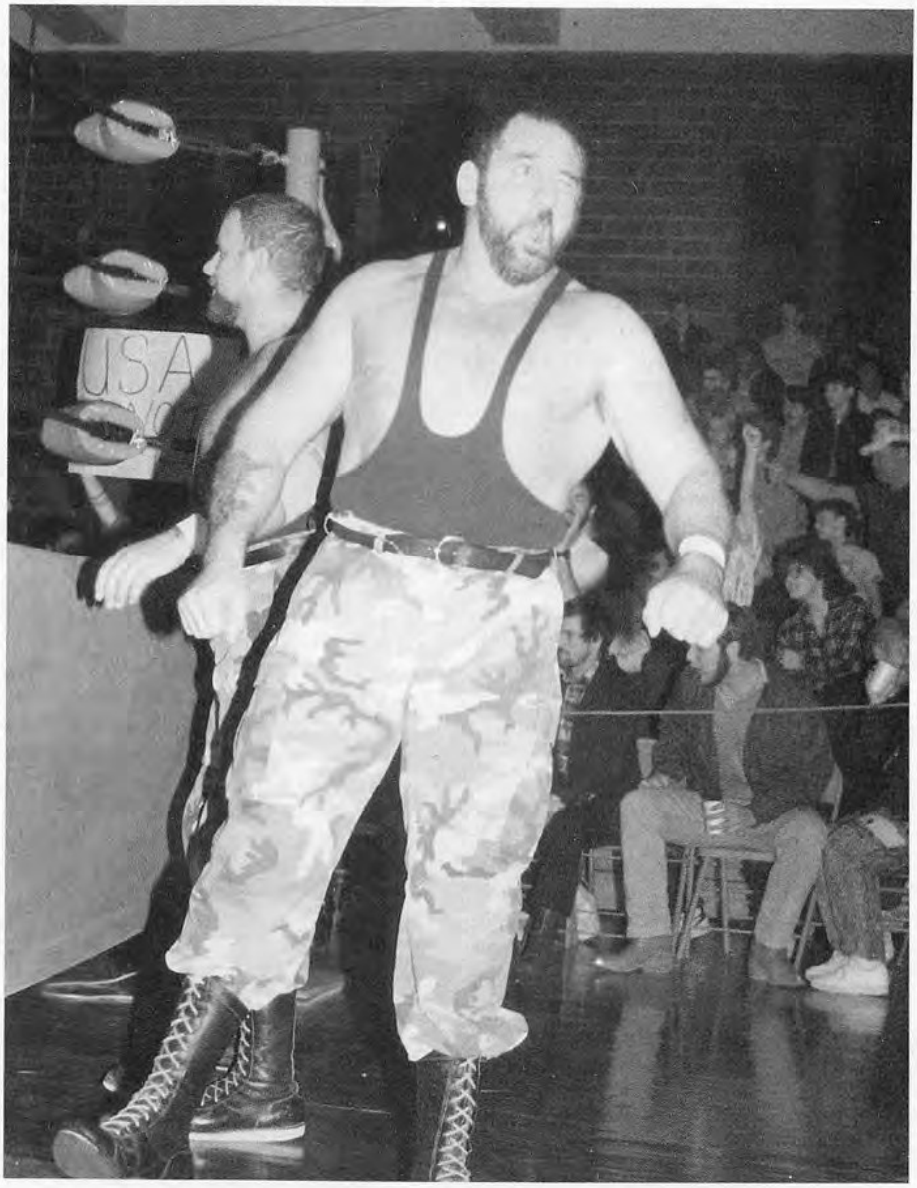
Secondly, one of these days the Bushwhackers will return to rulebreaking. When they do, those fans who know their past won't be fazed. But those who haven't got a clue will be devastated. It may not be as bad as when Andre went bad, but look for a lot of upset fans. Many of the "good" wrestlers in the WWF know of their past, and are already staying out of their way.

Third, and most importantly, what becomes of the Bushwhackers if they leave the WWF? They have burned their bridges behind them, to use an old cliche. A return to the NWA would be impossible and DANGEROUS. If they return as rulebreakers, the rulebreaking wrestlers won't trust them. If they return as fan favorites, the fans won't trust them, and there is NO WAY that the other "good" teams will have anything to do with them. So, for the Bushwhackers' sake, they better be getting paid well so they can retire.

The Bushwhackers have a new allegiance, and that's to the almighty dollar. This is a sad comment on the current state of wrestling.

Rather than giving this sport a worse name than it already has in many circles, the Bushwhackers should disappear. They are hypocrites, and the wrestling world knows it. But whatever should happen to the Bushwhackers (and we can only root for the worst), heed this advice: don't believe this lie, don't trust the Bushwhackers, and if you're a wrestler, don't turn your back on them. To New Zealand, many condolences. When you turn on the tube to see the Bushwhackers, remember this: they are a team without fans, friends, or a country to call home.■

When using the same antics in the NWA, Butch and Luke were despised by the fans.



LEARNING THE ROPES

By THE MASTER OF DISASTER, ATOM SMASH

Atom Smash, the Master of Disaster, aspires to be a top rulebreaking wrestler. He is learning his trade now. So many people write to us asking how to become a professional wrestler we thought it would be interesting to follow Atom's training and see what success, if any, he has in the sport. Atom's column is a diary of the highlights of his training period and, later, his professional career. —Editor

Now that I have had time to think about the past two months, as much physical pain as it has caused, I must say it has been a dream come true. Believe it or not, the first four weeks of intense physical pain and mental turmoil which led to two broken ribs, followed by four weeks of recuperation and the liquidation of my life's savings have been the eight greatest weeks of my life, so far. So, maybe you think I'm insane? No! Sadistic? Possibly! Masochistic? Definitely the wrong answer! What I am is the future of Pro Wrestling; a future Heavyweight Champion and, right now, a fledgling professional wrestler taking my bumps and bruises at the Passariello Quest Gym in Orange, Connecticut. Right now I'm getting my rear end kicked pretty badly, but it will all pay off one day as I'll be able to put the sorry likes of Brutus Beefcake, the Von Erichs and, particularly, Dusty Rhodes out of this wonderful sport and into a hospital ward where they belong! I guess you could say all of the fun really started back in my home town of Baltimore, Maryland.

I first realized the importance of what was happening and started to have second thoughts about it as I looked at my bare apartment. On the 6½ hour trip to Connecticut, this "gut check" kept hitting me. Was my family right? Would I make it? Was I insane for going after my lifelong dream of being in the ring? **WOULD** I make it? I had always felt before that I would, but suddenly I wasn't sure. As I checked into the Milford Inn I started to get so nervous and excited that I got the shakes. Finally, I decided to get into action and call the school. The person who answered the phone was Mario Mancini. I told him my plight and he not only helped get me into school, but offered me a job. Suddenly, I was at ease again. Thanks, Mario! you're not too bad for a so called "good guy." The next thing I knew Sunday came, time for school, and I was standing in my first ring getting last minute instructions from the great Tony Altomore!!!

The first thing I was told to do was to warm up by running off the ring ropes for 15 minutes. It went clumsily and slow at first, but it got quicker as I got better. Finally, the time had come to get into the ring with another wrestler. First I was taught how to lock up, then suddenly I was on my backside from a clothesline, followed by a bodyslam and a bone-crushing elbow smash. In the beginning I wanted to break Mickey's, my opponent's, neck but after five minutes all I was breaking was his fall with my body. I quickly developed a new appreciation for scrubs and even for—gasp—Dusty Rhodes. Then I remembered a brutal, inspirational Curt Hennig bridge suplex with a hooked leg and as I kicked out, I took a page from Ric Flair's book and threw a beautiful groin shot. Two arm twists and one hammerlock later I was pretty happy, but I left myself open, unfortunately, for a single leg takedown, a neck breaker and what must have been a bone-crushing piledriver. When I came to I was actually as happy as I was sore because I was told that I was accepted into the school. In addition, Mickey became my mentor, instead of my enemy, and my career began to take off.

Mickey and his tag partner, Bobby, soon began using me as a punching bag and I loved every minute of it. Did someone mention masochism earlier? With every clothesline and body slam, every bump and bruise, I became a bit tougher and came one step closer to my dream. The Rock-n-Roll Duo, as Mickey and Bobby are better known, began teaching me moves and counter moves. Within a month's time I was able to stay in the ring much longer than the first fateful day and even stay on my feet for much of that time. As I grew braver and more confident, I began to throw more challenges until that all-important day that I issued a challenge to Dave Paradise, a veteran of about one year or so, and currently an independent wrestler in New England, as well as a journeyman in the W.W.F. Dave was making short work of me until he missed an elbow drop and I took control of the tempo for a few short minutes. Dave, obviously embarrassed and agitated, caught me off guard with a devastating and rib-breaking side suplex.

Fortunately, time heals all wounds, and now after a month's time my ribs are better: the time has come to return. That's right, Paradise, a few broken ribs can't keep me down and I'm coming back after you, slime. Just a few months training and I'll be ready for you. I knew there was a reason I hated you so-called "good guys." This time I'm sure there'll be a difference because I'll be training at Larry Sharpe's "Monster Factory" under the watchful eye of Mr. Sharpe himself, yeah, that's right, the "Prettyboy." I can already hear your 6'4" muscled frame shaking through these pages. By the way, Mancini, don't go getting any bright ideas because I've got a 6'6", 325 pound tag team partner with your name on him. So until that day, Paradise, just remember: "One of these days I'm gonna chop you into little pieces and it won't be too long until you're in the jungle, baby." **YOU'RE GOIN' DOWN!!**

By the way, if you think you are a tough guy and you're looking to get into the sport, and you like to travel, and you like pain, contact Mario Mancini at 1-(203)-877-6114 in Connecticut between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm daily. Or, you can also contact Larry Sharpe at 1-(609)423-8255 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Remember, Stupid, and this means you, make allowances if you are calling from another time zone!■

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Wanting to bring the New Year in right and to avoid the hustle, bustle and tussle of Times Square, my buddies and I journeyed over to a bar in the East Village. After a while of celebrating and convincing a nearby table of bodacious, young bombshells to join us in some fun, I heard an all too familiar voice. "Steve! Steve!", the growl was unmistakable, "Steve, I'm watching you, boy! I told you too many teenyboppers aren't good for your health! Turn around. Don't ignore me!"

I tried to concentrate on the matters at hand and at having a good time. A couple of days earlier I heard about my good buddy flying into New York for a few spot appearances, but this was neither the time nor the place for Foxy Ox. As I picked up a nearby glass of champagne, two huge burly hands grabbed my shoulders and proceeded to lift me out of my chair.

"Steve! Steve! It's Ox, your loudmouth friend, and do I have a story for you!"

As we went to a private table at the corner of the bar I signaled the cute little blonde I was with that I'd be right back. "Alright Ox, what have you got for me this time?"

"Hey! The other night people are buying me drinks! Yes, they will do anything just to hang around old Ox Foxie, it's a big kick to them, just to bask in my glory. I present a big threat to them fools. I get a few laughs out of their dumb questions. Well, one bright-eyed fool said "Ox, what do you think of Fritz's kids?" Now there's only one Fritz to me! That's Fritz Von Erich! The Old Texas mountain lion! For thirty years the Claw man was the tops! Now you say his boys will take over his big shoes?! Hell no! Hey Steve! Order another pitcher or two."

Just to be on the safe side I ordered another three pitchers of beer plus some more champagne for myself, I knew I would be needing it.

"I'll drink all of them before the night is through! When you drink with Ox Baker all my beer is free! Ha! You want to hear all about them Von Erich kids?! I'll tell you! David the tallest, Mike the smallest, Kerry at one time won it all and Kevin, all he could do was bawl!"

I looked up in amazement, one pitcher was gone.

"Fritz tough? Hell, he was! With the claw hold he could hold two footballs in one hand! When he put it on his opponent the party was over! Number one in Texas for thirty years and no one could disagree with that! His fault, like all fathers, is he loved all his boys and told the whole world that they would follow in his footsteps. Fritz, forget it! David Von Fritz should have and, in time, probably would have had it all, but death visited him one day in Japan and it was all over."

Ox doesn't have nice things to say about the Von Erich family.

"Kerry Von Fritz is a good athlete and won the World Title for a short time, but he loves the good times. Maybe it was too easy for him. Already he has torn up his foot to the point where his career will be shortened. Kerry was the motorcycle worth it? Boy, you could have done it all! One should have and one could have. Yes, they wanted to follow in their daddy's footsteps. But damn it, it's not easy, no way! Steve, damn it! More beer! I've got a story to tell!"

By this time we had a small crowd gathering listening to the tale of the Von Erichs, brought to you in person by Ox's burly LOUD voice.

"Did the boys ever fight or wrestle me?! Hell! Fritz tried me one hot night in Dallas and did we kick ass! We tore out a door and rolled on the floor. As the doctor sewed up our heads, Fritz smiled through his blood. He told me many years ago that "My boys are starting soon, but I tell you I will never let you in the ring with them. In fact, I'll run you out of Texas first!" Now Fritz had a lot of pull in Texas and I haven't been back since. Damn him! I would have loved to kick their asses!!"

"Have I forgotten the other two? Mike and Kevin? Mike I saw as a kid, a little guy who loved his big brothers and his dad but couldn't stand up to him. Dad wants me to be good, I'll try but I really don't know if I have it. One sad night he must have thought he couldn't measure up. Mike, everyone doesn't have it. One match with me and you would have found out! But, there was more to life than wrestling. Mike, you should have done something else."

"So, we have three of them. One could have, one should have, and one never could have made it. Now Kevin. I call him the Bawler. He's a good wrestler, a good athlete and a good son too. But not great!! He would love to be one, he would love to be number one. But Kevin, you just won't learn. You say you know it all, you take too many cheap shots. Yes, you know your daddy's behind you. But Spoiler laughs at you, Brody laughed at you, Gary Hart smiles at you, Ox Baker laughs too, boy! I wish I had a match with you! One match with me Kevin! Take a Heart Punch! Find out why I was Texas Heavyweight Champion for two years, United States Champ, too. One punch and you'll be home with daddy. Bitter? Hell, these are the facts boy! I live with them, so could you! Kevin Von Erich, I had my run, I'd love to be a manager now. Remember Kevin I never had big daddy behind me, one match with you. Ha!"

The beer was done and the clock was approaching the midnight hour. Both of us decided to join the rest of my friends for the Times Square countdown on TV.

"So that's my story, Steve. Fritz the Texas legend, David who could have done it all, Kerry who should have done it all, Mike who never could do it all and Kevin who might have been great but just wanted to bawl. Yes, I will lift this glass of beer to the Von Erichs. You all try, maybe you come up short but even the try is worth something."

So the ball was dropping as we said farewell to 1988 and welcomed in the New Year. When it finally hit bottom we all wished each other Happy New Year and above all the cheers and screams, if you listened real hard a certain noise could be heard. . .WHAM!!! CAN YOU HEART STAND IT?■

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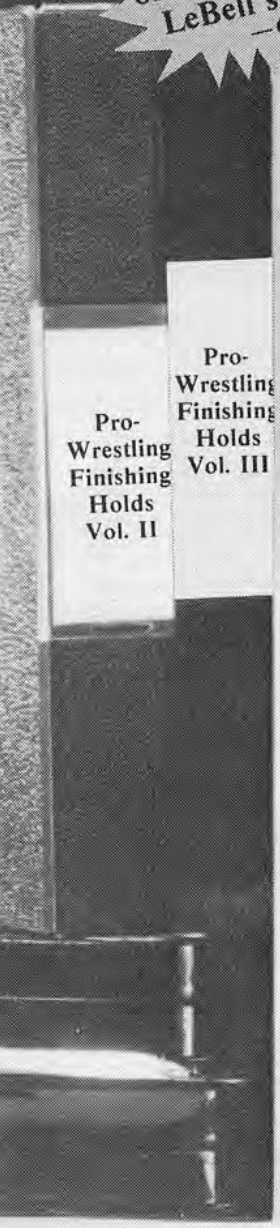

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WRESTLEFEST
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WRESTLING QUALITY: C

The WWF put on a good show, not one of their best, but a good show nonetheless. Two of the best matches of the night, Terry Taylor vs. former AWA World Champion, Curt Hennig, and Champion, Randy "Macho Man" Savage vs. Ted DiBiase were not included on the tape. Instead the video box billed Hogan's steel cage match with Andre as the Main Event. Andre was slow, lumbering and did nothing exciting the whole match (except try and climb the steel cage), while the Hulkster was boring and predictable. The British Bulldogs had a good match against Demolition but came up short in winning the titles, the Ultimate Warrior stuffed Bobby Heenan into his weasel suit. Rick Rude tangled once again with Jake "The Snake" Roberts but the rest of the show was middle card filler, nothing even worth mentioning.

PRESENTATION OF WRESTLING & NON-WRESTLING MATERIAL: B

The presentation as fast paced, and they didn't waste any time on interviews already seen over and over again on TV.

TAPE QUALITY (INCLUDING CUTS AND COMPLETE MATCHES): A-

Every match was shown in its entirety, the only disappointments were the two missing matches that weren't on the tape. Coliseum continues it's high grade in presentation.

TOTAL GRADE: B-

A much higher grade than the show presented on video deserves. For the live fans, Wrestlefest was worth the price of admission. For the price of a video tape it's a flop.

MACHO MADNESS
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WRESTLING QUALITY: C+

If you're buying or renting this video tape you should be a fan of the WWF, right? If you're a fan of the WWF you should be watching their TV shows, right? So why put together a two hour package of "Hulkamania" and "Macho Madness"? The meeting of the MegaPowers, clips from recent Saturday Night's Main Events and overplayed footage from Wrestlemania IV. Haven't we all had enough? If you're a smart fan (and we know only smart fans read WME), you would do as I did and fast forward through all that junk. Finally, you have some important matches worth taking a look at, Savage vs. DiBiase at M.S.G. where DiBiase had his nose broken, Savage vs. DiBiase in a classic steel cage match, also from M.S.G. and the missing Main Event from Wrestlefest, Savage taking on DiBiase.

PRESENTATION OF WRESTLING & NON-WRESTLING MATERIAL: C

Savage's comments on each of his matches were interesting but "Mean" Gene Okerlund is still as obnoxious as ever, and watching him play stupid for two hours is totally unbearable.

TAPE QUALITY (INCLUDING CUTS AND COMPLETE MATCHES): C

Awful! Everything was jumbled and joined in progress except for the M.S.G. and Wrestlefest matches.

TOTAL GRADE: C+

One of the worst tapes that Coliseum Video has ever put out. Three good matches from two of the hardest working athletes in professional wrestling and they were totally wasted on this presentation. If I was the "Macho Man," I'd be real angry over the way the promotion was treating me.

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WRESTLING QUALITY: B

The WWC has a reputation in the sport as being the blood promotion. If you wrestle there, you better be prepared to take a serious, severe beating. On this tape you will see wrestlers such as Carlos Colon wrestling Joe LeDuc in a barbed wire match, Kamala vs. Invader #1, Al Perez vs. Abdullah the Butcher, RPM Mike Davis, getting a glass picture frame smashed over his head and getting stitched up in the dressing room, Ernie Ladd, Hercules Ayala, Manny Fernandez and much, much more, all at their bloodiest.

PRESENTATION OF WRESTLING & NON-WRESTLING MATERIAL: B+

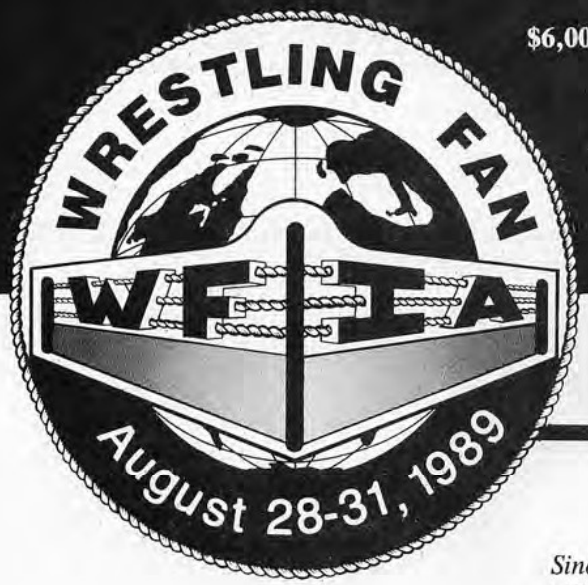
No interviews to drag out the tape. The eight matches are presented clearly, as they were seen on TV in Puerto Rico. Some of the footage is pretty gruesome.

TAPE QUALITY (INCLUDING CUTS AND COMPLETE MATCHES): B

Not all matches were seen in their entirety, as this tape emphasizes bloody matches not wrestling ability. Many of the matches shown were joined in progress just before the blood started to flow. Unlike previous WWC tapes reviewed here, commentary is in English, presented by Hugo Savinovich and "Hangman" Bobby Jaggers.

TOTAL GRADE: B

If you are into blood, this is the tape for you. Many of the matches were interesting, no-holds-barred brawls fought all over some of Puerto Rico's largest outdoor stadiums. One suggestion, don't view this tape just after eating *and* don't eat anything while watching it, only strong-hearted fans should view this tape as some scenes make slash films look tame by comparison.



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RIC FLAIR LOSES NWA WORLD TITLE

Five time NWA World Heavyweight Champion, Ric Flair, lost the belt to his long-time challenger, Ricky "the Dragon" Steamboat, at the U.I.C. Pavilion in Chicago on February 20th. The match, as seen on pay-per-view TV, was one of the classics of all-time. Steamboat went for a pin within the first thirty seconds of the match and Flair, surprised, kicked out at two. Steamboat was extremely quick and frustrated Flair with his martial arts moves and flying tactics. Flair resorted to rulebreaking and took the match out of the ring, punishing "the Dragon" with chops and then threw him into the ringside barricades several times. Back in the ring, Flair connected with a flying body press and went for a pin. Steamboat was able to reverse the pin attempt and Flair again kicked out at two. The Champion went for the figure-four and was able to keep the hold clamped on Steamboat by grabbing onto the ropes. Referee Tommy Young finally caught Flair using the ropes and made him release the hold. Later in the match, Flair again tried to use the ropes for leverage in a pinning attempt and, unlike in Norfolk at Starrcade, was caught and Young refused to count.

The end of the match came in dramatic fashion. Steamboat went to the top rope and connected with a flying body press, which also hit Tommy Young, stunning him. Steamboat went for a pin, there was no referee to count it. Steamboat went to assist Young and Flair cradled "the Dragon" for a pin, also with no referee to count it. Then Flair went to help Young. In the meantime, another referee, Teddy Long, was making his way to ringside. Steamboat went to the top rope to try another flying body press and this time he missed. Flair quickly tried to clamp on the figure-four. Steamboat grabbed Flair and cradled him up for a pin, which Teddy Long counted, as Young was still laying stunned in the ring. At 23:18, Teddy Long proclaimed Ricky Steamboat to be the new NWA World Champion and, as soon as Tommy Young cleared his head, he concurred, the match became official and a new NWA World Champion was crowned. For those of you who think WWF matches with pre-arranged endings (as testified to under oath by Vince McMahon in front of the New Jersey State Senate on Feb. 9th, 1989) such as Hulk Hogan vs. Big Boss Man, Randy Savage vs. the Ultimate Warrior and Demolition vs. Powers of Pain, are good wrestling, you should try to obtain a video tape of this match, as it was what wrestling is all about. Two athletes competing against each other, all-out, for over twenty minutes of top-flight action. Even though this was not the best match these two have ever wrestled against each other, it was very, very good and, as Steamboat gets his timing back after not wrestling for over a year, the matches held between these two will get better and are not to be missed by true wrestling fans.

Ric Flair lost the NWA Championship to Ricky Steamboat in Chicago.

Two other titles changed hands in Chicago. Lex Luger regained the NWA U.S. Heavyweight Championship by pinning Barry Windham at 10:44. In the middle of the match Barry accidently punched the ring-post and probably fractured his wrist. Since the wrist fractured was his right hand, or Claw hand, his offense was severely limited the rest of the way. The end came when the Champion went for a belly-to-back suplex and pin. Luger's shoulders, as well as Barry's, were down on the mat. Lex got one shoulder up at the count of two, while both of Barry's shoulders stayed down for the three count. When Barry realized he had lost, he became enraged and he piledrived Lex onto the Championship belt, hurting Lex's neck.

Mike Rotunda regained the NWA World TV Title when Rick Steiner pinned himself while he had Rotunda trapped in a sleeper hold. He had Rotunda trapped in the center of the ring when Mike fell backwards, on top of Rick. The referee counted the three count as Steiner made no attempt to lift his shoulders or release the sleeper. Rick had been distracted earlier in the match by Kevin Sullivan, who threatened to do something to Steiner's dog, Spike, who was in the dressing room, unattended. This concern probably played a big part in the loss as Steiner was unable to concentrate completely on the match the rest of the way.

In other matches, the Road Warriors kept the tag titles by beating Kevin Sullivan and Steve Williams when Hawk pinned Sullivan. At the same time, Williams was pinning Animal but they weren't the legal men in the ring. The Midnight Express and Jim Cornette beat Paul E. Dangerously, Randy Rose and a secret weapon, replacing Dennis Condrey, Jack Victory. Lane pinned Rose and "Ravishing Randy" had to leave the NWA. Sting pinned "Hacksaw" Butch Reed, Michael Hayes pinned Russian Assassin #2 with the DDT and Kendall Windham defeated Steve Casey, after the TV cameras were turned off.■

THE ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPRESS TURN ON JERRY LAWLER

The Rock 'N' Roll Express, Robert Gibson and Ricky Morton, have turned on the man who created the team, Jerry Lawler, and are hated in the CWA area. Ricky came to Memphis first, as he was signed to referee a Championship bout between Lawler and "Dirty" Dutch Mantell. A collision occurred between Mantell and Morton which left Ricky groggy. Lawler used the piledriver on Mantell, which is an illegal move in Memphis. Not seeing the move, Morton tried to count a pinfall. He got to two, then collapsed. Lawler

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continued to pin Mantell and Morton was able to get up and count to two again, before collapsing again. Mantell kicked out finally and he piledrived Lawler and went for a pin. Morton, still a little groggy, counted to two and saw "the King's" foot on the ropes. Stopping the count, Ricky removed Lawler's foot from the rope and started to count again. Again, Lawler put his foot on the ropes and Morton continued the count to three and awarded Mantell the "Unified" World Title. Jerry Lawler was enraged and went to find Morton after the match. Looking for him back in the dressing room area, he found the rock and roller in Mantell's dressing room counting a big pile of money. Lawler attacked Morton and Mantell joined in until CWA officials were able to break up the melee. This ignited a feud between Lawler, Morton and Mantell. Soon after, Ricky claimed to have found a man in a Georgia jail who would end Jerry Lawler's career, he is known as the Master of Pain.

The Rock 'N' Roll Express is feuding with Jerry Lawler in the CWA.

He brought this man to Memphis to finish off Lawler. Lawler, hoping to get Morton to see the light, brought in Robert Gibson to team with him in a tag match against Morton and his protege. During this match, Ricky Morton brought a chain in to use on Lawler. He dropped it and Lawler picked it up. Robert Gibson thought Lawler brought the chain into the ring (Lawler is famous for using chains in matches) and told Lawler not to use it on Ricky. Lawler and Robert continued to argue about the chain and Lawler dropped the chain. Ricky picked it up and was about to hit Lawler, when he knocked Lawler into Robert. Thinking Lawler purposely bumped into him, Robert hit him. Seeing his old partner attacking Lawler, Ricky joined in to give "the King" a frightful beating. Afterwards, the Rock 'N' Roll Express gave each other their customary victory high-five as fans booed. Rock and Roll is back in Memphis, this time as hated wrestlers.■

The hype for Wrestlemania V has begun. The WWF will have to hype this show more than previous Wrestlemanias because this show is poor. Not since Wrestlemania II, has the WWF's most important show been this weak, with only a few matches worth the $150 it costs for a ringside seat at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City. As you are reading this, the pre-arranged card is over, however, we expect these things to happen on the show: Hulk Hogan to regain the WWF World Title from Randy Savage, Brutus Beefcake to take the million dollar belt from Ted DiBiase, Andre the Giant to attack special referee, Big John Studd, during his match with Jake "the Snake" Roberts re-igniting their old feud, Strike Force to break up when Rick Martel turns on Tito Santana and the Ultimate Warrior to defeat "Ravishing" Rick Rude very easily.

With Randy Savage turning on his MegaPower, Hulk Hogan, thus making him a rulebreaker, for the time being some fan favorites, most notably, the WWF Inter-Continental Champion, the Ultimate Warrior, are getting shots at the World Title. Savage managed to keep the belt against any, and all, challengers, including Bad News Brown, who was cheered in his matches against Savage. If Hogan does get the belt back at Wrestlemania, the promotion will revert to the fan favorite vs. rulebreaker matches with the Champion being a fan favorite once again, shutting out those wrestlers who deserve title shots at the World Champion, who are also fan favorites.

Former NWA announcer, Tony Schiavone, has jumped to the WWF and will soon be seen regularly on many telecasts. The Blue Blazer reportedly has left the WWF and will return to the Stampede area. Terry Taylor has dyed a red streak in his hair and moussed the top so that he will more resemble the Red Rooster character he is forced to portray in this promotion. Terry Taylor has lost the respect of fans world-wide with his antics in the WWF. He is involved in a feud with Bobby Heenan and the Brooklyn Brawler, who is Steve Lombardi. Lombardi comes to the ring in a ripped up facsimile of a New York Yankee uniform, which truly makes no sense as the Yankees make their home in the Bronx, not Brooklyn. It is very strange to see the Bushwhackers, who used to hate the USA when they wrestled as the Sheepherders, tell WWF fans how wonderful the USA is. And, does anybody really care if the Rougeau Brothers have moved to Memphis, Tenn. and are now all-American boys?? They have a new song they enter the ring to, which they sing with their manager, Jimmy Hart, called "All-American Boys". Speaking of songs, the WWF is in the process of producing their latest wrestling album, which should be out this summer, called "Piledriver 3".

Terry Taylor has dyed his hair red in order to portray his Red Rooster character.

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Bam Bam Bigelow left the NWA to appear in Florida

Lots of new faces are appearing in the NWA. First of all, Ricky Steamboat made his dramatic re-appearance as Eddie Gilbert's mystery partner on WTBS against Ric Flair and Barry Windham. As everyone saw, he pinned the ex-World Champion clean in the middle of the ring to set up the Chi-Town Rumble match which saw "the Dragon" take the belt. One word of advice for the new Champion, leave the family at home!! Your wife and child have no business being in a wrestling ring, just because the WWF used them doesn't mean you have to also. Every wrestling fan in the world knows you have sacrificed your career to remain home with your family in the past and will probably do so again in the future. Also new to the NWA is the Samoan Swat Team, who will be managed by Paul E. Dangerously, who is looking for a new team to replace the "Original" Midnight Express. The Iron Sheik will be appearing in the near future. "Dangerous" Danny Spivey is the newest member of the Varsity Club, rejoining his ex-teammate from the WWF, Mike Rotunda. Bob Orton, Jr. will be appearing in the NWA in late March, after he returns to the U.S. from Japan. Lance Russell, the Memphis TV legend, has been hired to take Tony Schiavone's place on the telecasts. Now, the NWA has the two best announcers in the sport, Lance Russell and Jim Ross. Missy Hyatt will return as Eddie Gilbert's valet in March.

Just as many wrestlers have left the NWA. Leading the list is Dusty Rhodes who went back to Florida to bring that promotion back to the limelight. Larry Zbyszko left for the AWA, where he eventually won the World Title in a Battle Royal, held Feb. 7th in St. Paul, Minn. Al Perez left to join the Florida promotion. Bam Bam Bigelow and Sir Oliver Humperdink left to join Dusty Rhodes in Florida. The Fantastics reportedly have left the promotion and will soon be wrestling for the AWA, as well as independent promotions in the Southeast. J.J. Dillon left the NWA after being fired by Barry Windham and Ric Flair, who were angry at James J. for scheduling a match in which Barry had to wrestle his brother, Kendall. Hiro Matsuda bought the Horsemen's contracts for his company, Yamazaki Inc., and hasn't proved to be much help, with Flair and Barry both losing their titles. It has been a long time since the Horsemen have not had some sort of title in their camp. Dustin Rhodes also left, to rejoin his father in Florida. Incidentally, J.J. Dillon now works for the WWF, but not as a manager, so far.

Hiro Matsuda and Yamazaki Inc. now own the Horsemen's contracts.

Fans shouldn't be too surprised to have seen Kendall Windham attack his partner, Eddie Gilbert, during a match against J.J. Dillon and his brother, Barry. Blood is thicker than water and it must have been hard to see Gilbert beating Barry while Kendall could do nothing. Finally Kendall clothes-lined Gilbert and joined in a three way attack on "Hot Stuff", cementing his new alliance with the Horsemen.

Ken Patera is now wrestling in the AWA.

Lots of new faces have been appearing in the AWA recently. Tom Zenk was the man Larry Zbyszko eliminated in the World Championship Battle Royal to take the AWA World Title. He is feuding with Zbyszko and, teaming with another newcomer, Ken Patera, is feuding with Badd Company for the Tag Team Belts. Brad Rheingans has also returned to the AWA after a long absence. Other new men in the promotion recently included: Tommy Jammer, Mike Enos, WWA World Champion, Mike George, Akio Sato and Steve Ray. Stanley Blackburn, the infamous AWA President, has left the AWA and is now working for the WWF in Houston. Also appearing for the AWA recently were Don Muraco, the Iron Sheik, Wahoo McDaniel, Manny Fernandez, Ricky Rice, Derrick Dukes, Col. DeBeers, Sgt. Slaughter, International TV Champion, Greg Gagne and the Women's Champion, Wendi Richter.

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The WCCW is picking up interest down in Texas. The crowds for the regular Friday night shows at the Sportatorium are getting bigger and more new talent is on the way in. Jerry Lawler is recognized as the "Unified" World Champion here and he defends the belt regularly against Kerry Von Erich. Kerry and his brother, Kevin, were awarded the WCCW World Tag Team Titles by default when the Samoan Swat Team failed to defend against them in Oklahoma. Robert Fuller and Jimmy Golden came to Texas and took the straps. In actuality, Kevin pinned Jimmy Golden to successfully defend the belts however, Robert Fuller slipped a foreign object into Kevin's trunks and told the referee to check him out. When the referee found the object, he immediately DQ'ed the Champions and awarded the match to the Stud's Stable. Since the titles in the WCCW change hands on a DQ, Fuller and Golden became the new Champs. Brickhouse Brown defeated "Iceman" King Parsons to win the Texas Heavyweight Title and soon after, Parsons left the area. Eric Embry was feuding with Devastation, Inc. when he lost a loser-leaves-town to Gary Young, due to Cactus Jack Manson's interference. Embry had one week to get out of town and wrestled during that week in "Farewell to Eric Embry" matches. In his last bout, held at the Sportatorium, he faced Cactus Jack in a World Lt. Heavyweight Title match. Scandor Akbar interfered in the match. As the two were attacking Embry, out of nowhere came Percy Pringle, who rescued Eric Embry. Even though Embry has left town, Pringle stayed and now is a fan-favorite manager, feuding with Devastation Inc. It sure is good to have Percy back in wrestling after a year long retirement.

A new tag title is being created in the WCCW, called the World Class Tag Team Title, not to be confused with the WCCW World Tag Team Title. A match to be held on March 3rd in Dallas between newcomers, Beauty and the Beast, managed by Buddy Roberts, vs. Jeff Jarrett and Chris Adams will determine the Champions.

Also new to the WCCW are Cpl. Braddock, Captain Max and Kendo Nagasaki has started to wrestle after only being the Super Black Ninja's manager for several months. Jimmy Jack Funk is now a fan favorite in Texas. Rumors are Terry Funk might appear here soon.

In Puerto Rico, Carlos Colon regained the WWC Universal Championship by beating Ron Garvin. Colon also defeated Hercules Ayala in a loser-leaves-Puerto Rico match, so Ayala is gone. Because Ayala was the Puerto Rican Heavyweight Champion when he was forced to leave, a tournament was held to fill the vacated title. TNT became the new Puerto Rican Champion. Other Champions recognized by the WWC include: the North American Champion is Abdullah the Butcher, the World Tag Team Champions are Islander Tama and Dan Kroffat, the TV Champion is also Colon, the Carribean Champion is Jason the Terrible, the Carribean Tag Team Champions are Miguelito Perez and Hurricane Castillo, Jr., Ricky Santana is the Jr. Heavyweight Champion.

Jimmy Jack Funk is now a fan favorite in the WCCW.

The Invader, accused of murdering Bruiser Brody last July, was acquitted of all charges early in February and will be returning to wrestling soon. New to Puerto Rico are Abudadien and Kensuke Sasaki. Leaving Pureto Rico was "Hangman" Bobby Jaggers. Others in Puerto Rico include El Profe, The Batten Twins, Chicky Starr, Victor Jovica, Don Kent, Mr. Pogo and Dragon Fujinami defended the IWGP World Championship several times in recent months.

Dutch Mantell is the CWA Heavyweight Champion. He has been feuding with Jeff Jarrett, Jerry Lawler and Bill Dundee. He defeated Wendall Cooley, who later left the CWA, for the belt. The CWA Tag Champions are the Stud's Stable, Robert Fuller and Jimmy Golden. A card to be held at presstime, called the "Renegade All-Star Challenge" will feature the return of Austin Idol and Tommy Rich, who will team up to wrestle long-time enemy, Jerry Lawler, and Jimmy Valiant in the main event.

New to the CWA are the Rock 'N' Roll Express, Shogun and Samurai, Jed Grundy, the Dream Weaver, Frankie Lancaster, Ken Wayne and Jungle Jim McPherson, a top independent wrestler on the East Coast.

Phil Hickerson went to Japan and came back with a new name, he is now known as P.Y. Chu Hi and his "adopted son", Downtown Bruno, is calling himself Bruno Chu Hi. Adrian Street and Miss Linda came to the CWA briefly and feuded with P.Y. and Bruno. Bruno was pinned during a six person tag match, by Miss Linda, and, because he lost had his head shaved bald.

Others in the CWA included: Scott Steiner (who may team with his brother, Rick, in the NWA shortly), Tracy Smothers, Beauty and the Beast, the Von Erichs, Brian Lee and the Master of Pain.

CWF fans were shocked when Dr. Tom Prichard turned on Brad Armstrong during a CWF Heavyweight title defense. He attacked Armstrong with the time-keeper's hammer and reverted to his old ways of rulebreaking. Brad has since left the area but he is keeping his options open regarding rematches with the Champion.

Johnny and Davey Rich are the new CWF Tag Team Champions. They defeated "Mr. Perfect" Jerry Stubbs and the Dirty White Boy in Knoxville, Tn. on Feb. 17th in a cage match. After the match, Masa Chono and Mike Davis entered the cage and beat the Richs bloody. They had to be carried from the ring on stretchers. Danny Davis is still the CWF Jr. Heavyweight Champion and is feuding with Mike Davis. Ron Fuller is the USA Heavyweight Champion and is feuding

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with Black Bart. Doug Furnas is the Tennessee Heavyweight Champion and is feuding with Buddy Landell. Other men wrestling in the CWF include fan favorites, Terry Gordy, the Dog, Mr. Wrestling II and Wendall Cooley. The rulebreakers are Kokina the Samoan, Bill Dundee, the Hunters and Mr. Alan Martin.

The Florida promotion is really looking up with the return of Dusty Rhodes, the "legend", who bought 60% of the promotion from Mike Graham. He is looking to bring wrestling back to prominence in the Sunshine State, like it was in the late seventies when it was recognized as the top promotion in the sport. It will take a lot of hard work because the fans lost interest in wrestling when Jim Crockett bought the old Florida promotion, then ignored the state completely when it came to scheduling cards there. Dusty hopes to have a weekly schedule in place, similar to the old days, soon. In the meantime he is bringing in lots of new talent to compete here. Mike Graham is the Florida Heavyweight champion and he is feuding with Al Perez for that belt. Dusty is feuding with U.S. Steele (now called the Steele Man) a man who was a fan favorite until a match with Scott Hall. The match was interesting because Hall, then a rulebreaker, became a fan favorite when Johnny Ace and the Terminator attacked him. Ace and the Terminator are the Florida Tag Champions after beating the Nasty Boys. Dick Slater is feuding with Steve Keirn. As mentioned earlier, Bam Bam Bigelow is coming in to team with Dusty and is bring his manager, Sir Oliver Humperdink, with him.

Southern Championship Wrestling in Georgia continues to promote shows, despite having some difficulties. Tommy Rich is still hated here and is the Southern Champion, he is feuding with Brad Armstrong and the Bullet. Ranger Ross and Mr. Wrestling II are the Southern Tag Champions and are feuding with Steve Lawler and Dino Minelli. Comrade Busick became a fan favorite when he was attacked by Lawler, Minelli and Joel Deaton after disobeying his manager, Samuel Kent, by not using a heart punch when told to. Joel Deaton had been a fan favorite but became a rulebreaker when he attacked his tag team partner, John Michaels, during a televised tag team match against Tommy Rich and Steve Lawler. Ron Starr is in Georgia as a rulebreaker. Others wrestling here include: Chic Donovan, the Masked Invaders (not the originals), Jimmy Powell, the Nightmare, Mr. Atlanta and David Jones.

Al Perez is feuding with Mike Graham in the Florida promotion.

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The WWA, in Kansas City, will be having a tournament to name a new Cental States Champion on March 23rd. The WWA World Champion is still Mike George. In a match televised back to Japan and held in Memorial Hall, the British Bulldogs and the Rock 'N' Roll Express fought to a thirty minute draw. In other highlighted action on the February card, Jumbo Tsuruta and Yoshiaki Yatsu won the PWF World Tag Team Titles from Stan Hansen and Terry Gordy and Dory and Terry Funk defeated Gary Young and Doug Somers. Wahoo McDaniel gave Manny Fernandez another lesson in Indian Strap Matches recently in K.C. The WWA's beginning to work closely with the AWA, as well as promoting independently. Others in the WWA include: "Hangman" Bobby Jaggers, Akio Sato, Steve Ray, "Gentleman" Ken Timbs, Curtis Hughes, T.C. Carter, Rick McCord and Shiek Abdullah.

"Rowdy" Roddy Piper has been making his presence felt in the Pacific Northwest. Back in his home area because his wife is expecting a baby, Piper has been seen at ringside at several of the cards held at the Portland Sports Arena. He has even gotten involved in the action. In early January, Piper cost the Grappler and Abudadien the NW Tag Titles when he threw a cup of coke in Abudadien's face letting Steve Doll and Scott Peterson win the titles. A couple of weeks later, "Killer" Carl Styles and the Grappler were going to attack Art Barr and Piper came out to help Barr. He took Barr to the dressing room, changed his appearance and turned Barr into a new wrestler called "Beetlejuice", who looks similar to the movie character played by Michael Keaton. Piper also challenged the Grappler to a lights-out match. In that match, Piper unmasked the Grappler, however, Playboy Buddy Rose covered the masked man's face with a towel before he could be identified. Piper, although no longer an active wrestler, is still creating problems for everyone.

The Grappler defeated Top Gun for the Northwest title. Buddy Rose and Col. DeBeers defeated Scott Peterson and Steve Doll for the tag straps and "Killer" Carl Styles is the new TV Champion after defeating Abudadien in a loser-leaves-town match. Styles, who came to the area as a rulebreaker, is now a fan favorite and feuding with the Grappler.

Lord Jonathan Boyd gave up the ICW World Championship and came back to wrestle in Oregon. Others wrestling in Oregon include: Joey Jackson, Turncoat Al Madril, the Barbarian, Matt Borne, and Scotty the Body.

Stampede welcomed the British Bulldogs back after their tour of Japan. Before they left, they lost the Stampede tag titles to Makhan and Vulkan Singh when Johnny Smith attacked his brother, Davey Boy, and caused him to lose the match.

Don Muraco is still the North American Champion. Chris Benoit defeated Johnny Smith to win the Commonwealth title. Stampede wrestling recognized the following for their achievements in the promotion in 1988: Wrestler of the Year was Makhan Singh, Junior Heavyweight Wrestler of the Year was Johnny Smith, Best Technical Wrestler was Owen Hart,

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Biff Wellington was the Most Improved Wrestler, Chris Benoit was the Best Sportsman, Vulkan Singh was the Rookie of the Year, Most Outstanding Wrestler was Chris Benoit, the British Bulldogs were Tag Team of the Year.

Larry Cameron is feuding with Ron Ritchie. Others here include: Goldie Rogers, Kim Schau, the Power Twins, Great Gama, Rick Allen and expected back soon are Brian Pillman and Owen Hart.

The Pacific Coast Wrestling Association is an independent promotion in Oregon. They featured Rip Oliver, Mike Miller, Brian Adams, the Riot Maker, Alberto Mendoza, Billy Two Eagles, Brock Gardner, Ole Olson, Coco Samoa, Buddy Wayne and Tiger Chung Lee.

Fans in the Midwest can expect to see a new independent promotion start up in the spring. Former AWA officials, Rob Russen, Wally Karbo and Al DeRusha have joined forces and are expected to run this promotion.

Windy City Wrestling has had some hot and heavy action as of late. Steve "Mr. Electricity" Regal is the Windy City Heavyweight Champion and is feuding with ex-WWF star, "Jumping" Jim Brunzell. The Dazzler defeated "Awesome" Onde Austin to win the Ladies title. The Terminators are the Windy City Tag Champs. These Terminators are not the same men who have appeared on NWA TV shows recently. They are feuding with ex-AWA World Champs, Buddy Rose and Doug Somers. The Beach Boys recently broke up when Johnny Stewart attacked his partner, Sonny Rogers. Stewart is now hated by the fans. Others wrestling in Chicago include: Nord the Barbarian, the Mighty Thor, Dave Kasper, Frank "the Tank" Melson, Curly Rich, the Texas Hangmen, the Windy City Dream Team, the Twin Turbos and Rockin' Randy.

Motor City Wrestling presents wrestling in Detroit. The men who appeared on the most recent show include: Super Key, Canadian Lumberjack, the Ninja Warrior, Robert Blair, the Beach Boys, Brian Costello, White Lightning, the Destroyer, the Patriots and the Top Guns. Lady wrestlers, Sasha Sovietska and Angelica Blue, also have appeared.

Atlantic Coast Wrestling is running shows in the Carolinas and Virginia. The Mod Squad, Nelson Royal, Jimmy Garvin, Brad Armstrong, Scott Armstrong, Nikita Koloff, the Deatons, John Savage, Todd Champion and Mark Fleming are the top wrestlers appearing here.

N.C.W. wrestling promotes in the New York City area. The NCW Champion is Johnny Rodz and he has been feuding with Mando Kleen and Sweet Willem. Bialo the Giant wrestles here. The promotion mainly features young wrestlers just starting out in the business such as Rhino Power 1 and 2, Tommy Norton, Mr. Nice, the Power Twins, and the managers, the Captain and Hubie Marks.■

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All The King's Men: A Musical Retrospective

JERRY LAWLER'S OTHER CAREER

By TOM NUNNERY

Jerry "the King" Lawler is not just a great wrestler, but he is also a talented artist and singer. My name Tom Nunnery and I have been "the King's" musical director for over ten years. My brothers, Mark and Richard, and I have been long-time Memphis musicians and are currently playing on the Florida Gulf Coast. Together we form the Nunnery Brothers Band /a.k.a./ Tomcats. Jerry Lawler is also a part of our band. This story will introduce the wrestling world to the musical alliance of Jerry Lawler and the Nunnerys.

The Nunnery Brothers Band pose with band member, and "Unified" World Heavyweight Champion, Jerry Lawler, and the new title belt.

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As many fans know, Jerry Lawler was a DJ on Memphis radio before he became a wrestler. He was fascinated with the sport and through an acquaintance met Jackie Fargo, then the "King" of Memphis wrestling. After expressing an interest in becoming a wrestler to Fargo, Jackie agreed to train the future King to become a professional wrestler. And the rest, as they say is history. From that background and training, Jerry Lawler became the most hated, then the most popular and forever will be the greatest wrestling star in Memphis wrestling history.

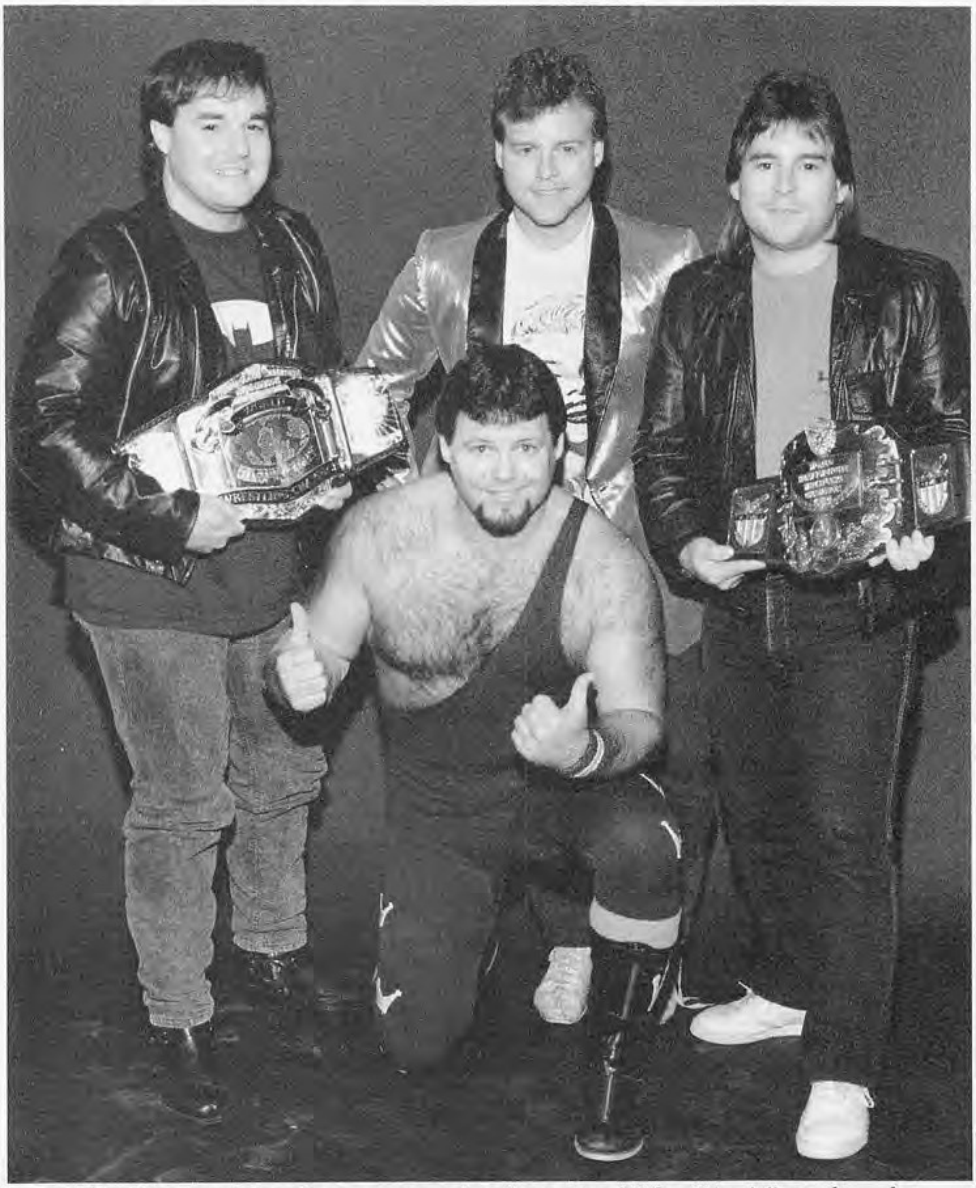
Previously, Jerry Lawler was managed by Jimmy Hart, who was in the Gentrys rock group, which had a hit called "Keep On Dancin" and appeared on Ted Mack's "Amateur Hour". Hart and Lawler had collaborated on making records as well as breaking heads. That relationship ended, however, when Lawler suffered an injury in a football game. Hart informed Lawler that "they shoot a horse when it breaks a leg". With Lawler out of wrestling, we approached him to do a comeback album The album featured the hit single "The World's Greatest Wrestler." "The King" and the band also made rock videos for the album, which are still shown on Memphis Cable TV today. The Nunnery Brothers Band, along with Jerry Lawler, have appeared in concert with Cybill Shepherd, Rick Dees, Howie Mandell, Rufus Thomas and the "Parade of Stars" at the Mid-South Coliseum. We have performed together in several of the Beale Street

Jerry Lawler plays with the band at the Memphis Music Fest.

The Nunnerys appeared on Jerry Lawler's Memphis TV show.

nightclubs as well as Memphis Music Festivals.

Furthermore, Lawler has used his vocal talents to help many charities. He and Jimmy Valiant, along with the Nunnerys, donated proceeds from their hit single to the March of Dimes. However, we are most active with Muscular Dystrophy. Mark and Richard have spent several of their summers as M.D. camp counselors. As for our musical style, we perform mostly roots rock, '60's oldies, oldies plus our original work. Of course, "the King" does a little Elvis. Speaking of Elvis, Jerry Lawler is the only person to break Presley's attendance record at Mid-South Coliseum with five consecutive sell-outs.



The Nunnery Brothers are proud to be part of "the King's" road to the Championship.

Just as Lawler is a music fan, the Nunnerys are wrestling fans. We have been to thousands of matches and performed in concert at many of them. Over the years, I have had an inside view of the sport. Many wrestlers trained at the neighborhood spa that I belonged to. The most impressive wrestler I saw was the Iron Sheik. Other strong men included Spike Huber, who could squat over 600 lbs., and Moondog Rex, who could bench press over 500 lbs. Randy Savage, however, was only average in power and strength. The King has beaten these and many other powerful men, including Olympian Ken Patera. Lawler recently unified the AWA and WCCW Titles, thus becoming the only true World Champion. "The King" has an open challenge to Ric Flair, Randy Savage or anyone else. Being the unified World Champion, he is open to all who dare to challenge him and will willingly accept their challenge, if they are man enough to do so.

Even with his hectic pace as the World Champion, "the King" still has plans for new records and more concerts. This marriage between rock and wrestling is another venue to showcase Lawler's multi-talents. The Nunnery Brothers are proud to be a part of "The King's" road to the Championship and look forward to rockin' with "the King" into the nineties. Long live "the King" and all the King's men!!■

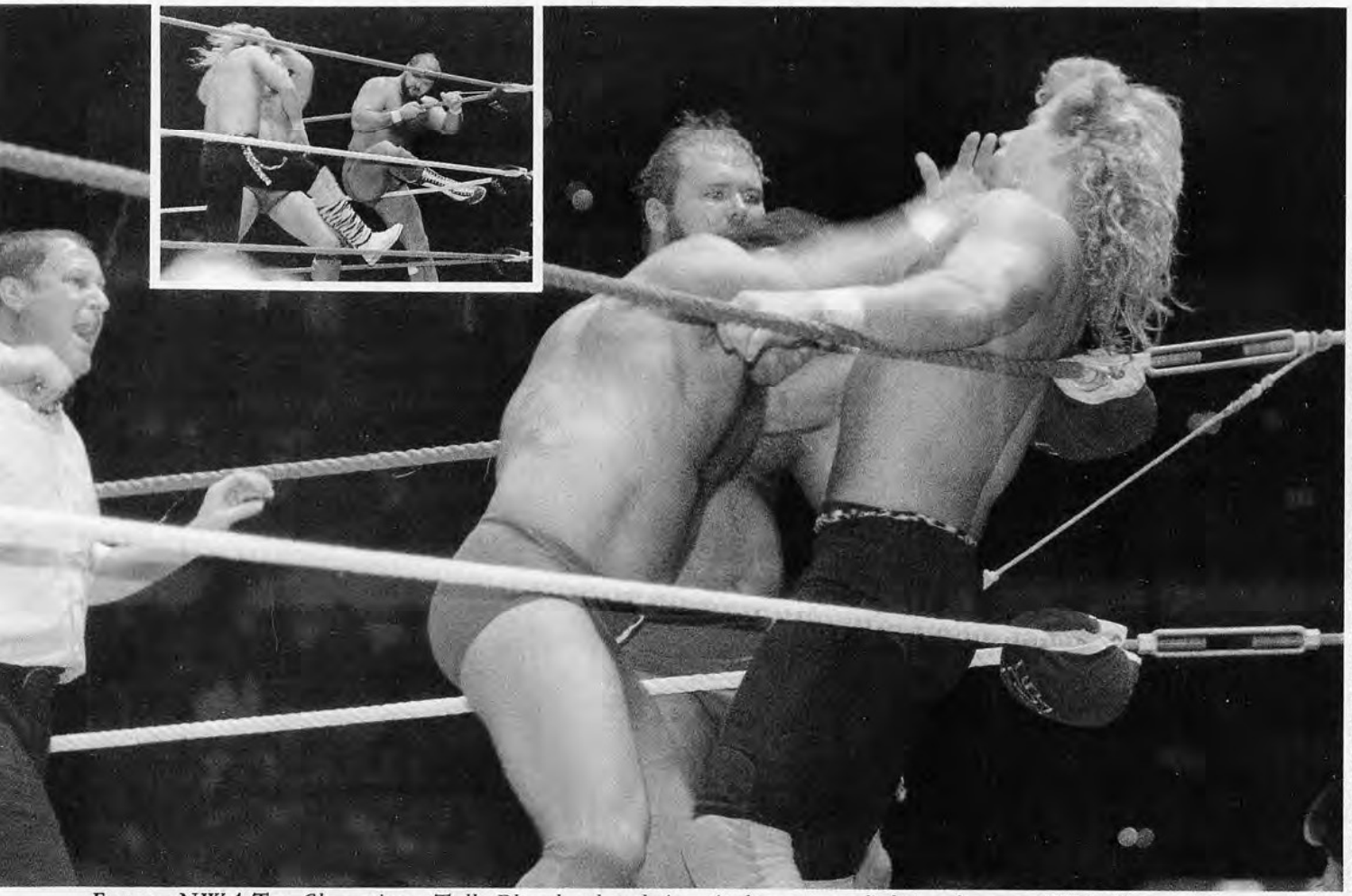
WILL THE BRAIN BUSTERS BE BURIED IN THE WWF?

Tully Blanchard and Arn Anderson, the Brain Busters, are not your typical WWF wrestlers. They do their talking in the ring, not outside it, and that is opposite from the WWF philosophy. With this albatross on their backs, can Tully and Arn overcome the WWF's bias against true wrestling and become top WWF stars? Or will they be buried as so many other wrestlers have been in the past in the WWF?

By SANDY KREBS

On Sept. 10th, 1988, in the Philadelphia Civic Center, the NWA World Tag Team Champions, Tully Blanchard and Arn Anderson, lost the belts to the NWA U.S. Tag Team Champions, Jim Cornette's Midnight Express. The former Champions never again wrestled in the NWA. A lot of people say that "Sweet Stan" Lane and "Beautiful Bobby" Eaton ran the Horsemen out of the NWA. This has yet to be proven true, but knowing how tough and how respected as Champions Tully and Arn were, I don't think that theory is true at all. The bottom line is, as Arn would say, that the two Horsemen made a business decision and gave up the glory for the big money the WWF throws around. The question is, how much did they lose when they made their big financial gain?

The WWF, as we all are beginning to realize more and more with each passing day, does not emphasize wrestling in their promotion. The WWF promotion is a marketing venture, wrestling is secondary to the plot. Those wrestlers who can be marketed in a variety of promotional



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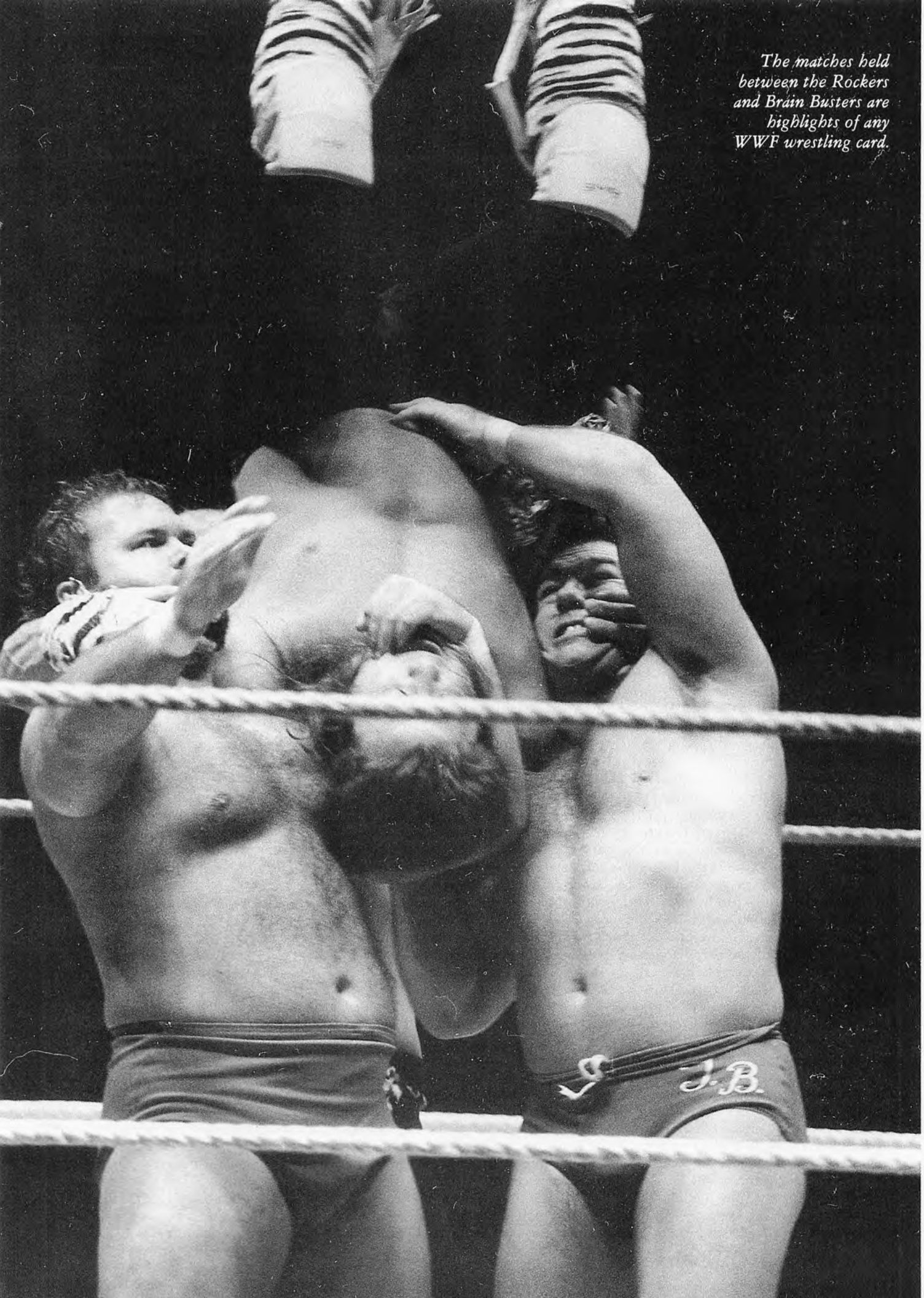
Former NWA Tag Champions, Tully Blanchard and Arn Anderson, are fighting former AWA Champs, the Rockers, in the WWF.



The matches held between the Rockers and Brain Busters are highlights of any WWF wrestling card.

ventures will become big stars in that promotion, those that can't, won't. So for the past few years wrestling fans around the country, particularly those living in the Northeast where there are no other wrestling promotions operating regularly, except the WWF, have had to endure the endless praising of such "wrestlers" as The Honky Tonk Man, Hulk Hogan, the Ultimate Warrior and others while wrestlers such as Bret Hart, the Blue Blazer, Curt Hennig and others get pushed aside. Occasionally a wrestler can be made into a star, but only because the WWF found out that the wrestler could be marketed also. Men such as Randy Savage, the British Bulldogs and Ted DiBiase fall into that category. Now, throwing their careers to fate, come the two ex-Horsemen and NWA World Tag Team Champions, Tully Blanchard and Arn Anderson, now known as the Brain Busters, and, instead of James J. Dillon in their corner, they have Bobby Heenan, a manager who once was great and now is only a parody of himself as he once was. Heenan has never managed a Champion in the WWF. Of course, Heenan made his great name in the sport while managing in the AWA where he managed Nick Bockwinkle to the AWA World Heavyweight Championship several times and Bockwinkle and Ray Stevens to the AWA World Tag Team Championship several times. He has promised the world that Tully and Arn will give him what he has been unable to obtain in the WWF—a World Championship for the Heenan Family. The question is, will Tully and Arn ever receive their chance at the Gold?

Tully and Arn have two things going against them in the WWF, they can wrestle and they are not personalities. They do their job the old-fashioned way, by beating their opponents handily in the ring. That won't sell too many T-Shirts or posters at the concession stands and that means Tully and Arn are in trouble in the WWF. They stand a good chance of getting buried, just as Jim Brunzell, Dick Slater, Terry Taylor and others less fortunate have been.

Tully Blanchard and Arn Anderson came to the WWF late in October, 1988 with little fanfare. As is the usual in the WWF, achievements outside that organization are not recognized within the organization and little was said about the two men's ability in the ring. All the WWF fans were told was that they were two veterans of the sport. For those fans who follow other types of wrestling, it didn't matter, they already knew Tully and Arn. However, the WWF has millions of followers who just watch the WWF and don't follow other promotions, those fans had never heard of Tully Blanchard and Arn Anderson. With no past history to fall back on, the new Brain Busters have

Tully and Arn try to eliminate Hulk Hogan from the Royal Rumble.

struggled in the WWF. Fans don't know what to think of them. They are not out-and-out rulebreaking wrestlers, that is they do play very rough, but scientific rough. They are not fair and will use the rulebook to their advantage. With Heenan in their corner, that meant they were to be hated by the fans, however many fans cheer the Brain Busters, just as many NWA fans rooted for the Horsemen. With their credentials, the Brain Busters should have received a World Tag Team Title shot with Demolition right away, but no, they had to prove their marketability first. Tully and Arn are not good salesmen, they have always let their actions in the ring speak for them. In the meantime, the Powers of Pain, a team that was a second-rate in the federation Tully and Arn ruled, are the #1 contenders for the WWF straps and might even be wearing them by the time you are reading this story. And now, Tully and Arn are the second-rate tag team. Almost immediately after arriving in the WWF, the Brain Busters became engrossed in a feud with another team being buried in the WWF abyss, the Rockers, former AWA World Tag Team Champions. Since June, Marty and Shaun have struggled to prove themselves in the WWF, with little success, although the fans can see the talent those two possess. A match was held in California between the two teams and shown on TV. The match never started. Before the bell rang, the Brain Busters attacked the Rockers outside the ring and the two teams battled all the way back to the dressing room area. Two teams, proud of their past, frustrated at their present and looking to improve their future prospects, have been battling each other ever since in a battle for survival in the WWF.

It is a very entertaining battle, as these two teams are two of the top teams in the sport. No matter what the WWF tries to do to them, their talents still shine through and every time these two teams are matched up against each other, it is usually the best match on the WWF card. Let's just say the Brain Busters emerge victorious in this feud, will that prevent them from being buried in the WWF? It is hard to say. There are still two rulebreaking teams ahead of them in the WWF, the Powers of Pain and the Rougeaus, and there are two fan favorite tag teams ahead of them too, the current Champions, Demolition, and the Hart Foundation. It will likely take six more months of intense wrestling to do what very few other men have done in the WWF, make it big on their wrestling ability alone. And then there are no guarantees, especially if a rulebreaking team holds the World Straps because, unlike other federations, the WWF does not let rulebreakers, or fan favorites for that matter, wrestle each other.

It looks as if the Brain Busters are in for a long tough road. Their careers depend upon what happens to them in the WWF. Let's hope they didn't make a big mistake when they left the NWA.■

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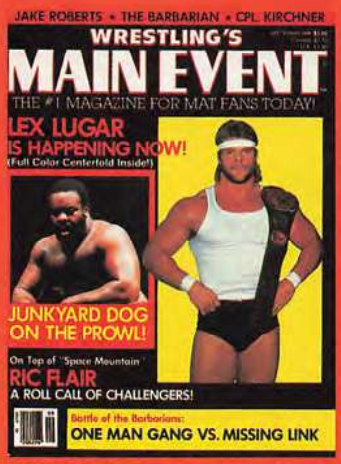

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Part of his performance is to rant and rave before a match which tires him out quickly.

Who Is The Ultimate Challenger for The Ultimate Warrior?

He is undefeated in the WWF (as this is written). Some say he is unbeatable. However, no wrestler in the history of sport has been "unbeatable". Someday, the WWF Inter-Continental Champion, The Ultimate Warrior, will meet his match. Who will be the ultimate challenger for The Ultimate Warrior?

By SANDY KREBS

The Ultimate Warrior has a terrific, well-sculpted body. He looks like a very powerful man. He rages around the ring and pummells his opposition into defeat. He is recognized as the WWF Inter-Continental Champion, a title he has held since the end of August, 1988 when he demolished The Honky Tonk Man at "SummerSlam '88" in 31 seconds. What you see and what you get are two different things. Although the Warrior has that body, he isn't in shape. Although he is strong and looks to be athletic, he can't wrestle. He is such a poor wrestler that he makes Hulk Hogan look like Lou Thesz and no one has ever considered Hulk Hogan to be a good wrestler. Like Hogan, the Warrior can put on a show and, like the blond juggernaut, the Warrior is extremely popular with young wrestling fans. All these things propelled The Ultimate Warrior to the top of the WWF wrestling heap. He is undefeated in the WWF and, as of yet, has not met a serious challenge to his undefeated streak. As a Champion, The Ultimate Warrior is obligated to wrestle the top men in the sport and that will be his eventual downfall.

The Ultimate Warrior lacks stamina. That is obvious to all who have seen one of his performances. He runs to the ring and shakes and rants and raves and then he jumps on top of the ropes and screams, then he jumps down and shakes the ring ropes some more. Then, the bell rings to start the match. The Warrior has used up so much energy in exciting his fans that, within seconds, he is sucking wind. Long, deep breaths of air are needed for this man to recover his breath. This does not go on for a short period of time, it continues throughout his match. His matches are usually short because he knows he won't last much longer than five minutes in the ring. So, we are looking for a top challenger who can outlast the Warrior in the squared circle.

The Warrior knows no wrestling holds. He does not even attempt to wrestle his opponent. All he knows are punching, kicking, splashing and power moves. So, we are also looking for a man who has ability as a wrestler, who can counteract the Warrior's power.

Nobody disputes that the Ultimate Warrior is big. His arms are big, his legs are big, his chest is big and he is tall. He weighs about 285 lbs. and it is rock-solid muscle. So, to be the ultimate challenger for The Ultimate Warrior, you have to have size.

The Ultimate Warrior has little speed, he is too bulky to be very fast, although he does move well for a man his size. The ultimate challenger should have some speed, also.

Since The Ultimate Warrior is currently a fan favorite in the WWF, our challenger has to be a rule-breaker, since fan favorites don't wrestle fan favorites in the WWF. So, to add up the attributes of our challenger, he must be a top contender, have stamina, can wrestle, has size and speed and breaks rules.

There are a few men in the WWF who are equal to the task. One is the current WWF World Champion, Randy Savage, and he is already engaged in a feud with the Warrior. He shouldn't be considered a challenge for the Warrior yet, because

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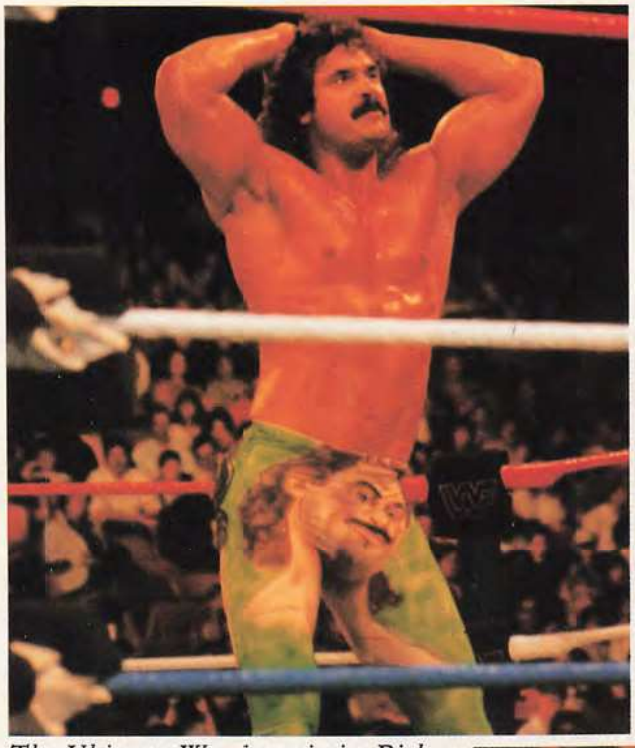
beating the Warrior doesn't add any glory to the "Macho Man's" career. The Warrior gets to keep his belt, although his reputation should be tarnished a little. Only if Savage loses his belt should he be considered a serious challenger for the Ultimate Warrior. The *ultimate* challenger is a man who can beat the Warrior and take from him what he covets most, his Title belt.

Currently, the Warrior is involved in a feud with "Ravishing" Rick Rude, who attacked the Warrior with an exercise bar at the Royal Rumble presentation in Houston, Texas. Rude knocked the Warrior out temporarily and beat him with the bar. The Warrior, when he woke up, went crazy, attacking everything and everybody in sight. Rude is not the ultimate challenger for The Ultimate Warrior, he, although muscular in his own right, is too small to pose a serious threat to this behemoth. So, we must look elsewhere.

There are two men in the WWF who meet every qualification to be the ultimate challenger for the Warrior. Both can wrestle, have size, speed and strength, not to mention stamina. Both have had Championship belts strapped around their waists in the past, although never in the WWF. One was even a World Champion. Ted DiBiase and Curt Hennig are the two men in the WWF most capable of putting an end to the Ultimate Warrior's Title reign.

Regardless of how he is portrayed in the WWF, the "Million Dollar Man" is a tremendous wrestler. He is probably one of the top five wrestlers in the world today. His meglo-mania and pre-occupation with his wealth have sidetracked his career in the WWF. Due to his insistence upon being arrogant with his fellow wrestlers, such as purchasing a slave, he has truly been thwarted in his Championship goals. One endless feud after another has taken its toll on Terrible Teddy and now, he has to learn to redirect his career towards wrestling and stop being wrestling's Donald Trump. Once that happens, look out WWF!! Ted has the size (6'7"), the weight (about 260 lbs.), the skill and yes, despite the lack of a muscular body, the strength, to put down the Warrior. He also has intelligence and the experience needed to put away the Warrior, a man who has only been in the sport for three years.

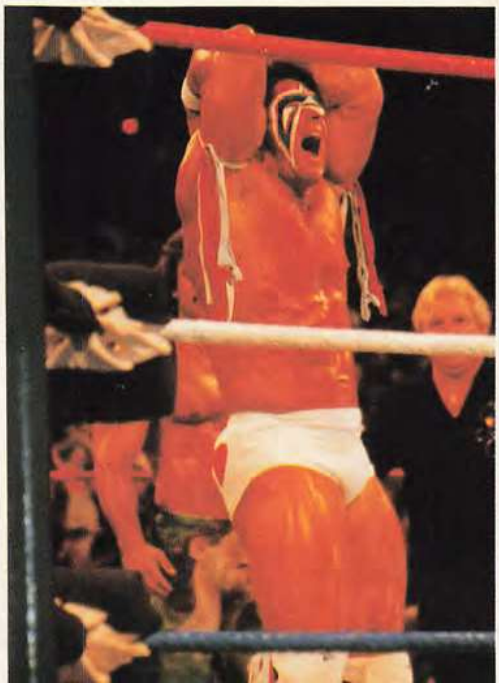
Curt Hennig is new to the WWF. He is the former World Champion of the AWA. He is young, he is aggressive, he has wrestling skill, he has size, he has strength and he has the experience. Most importantly, he is not consumed with some ridiculous feud in the WWF that can



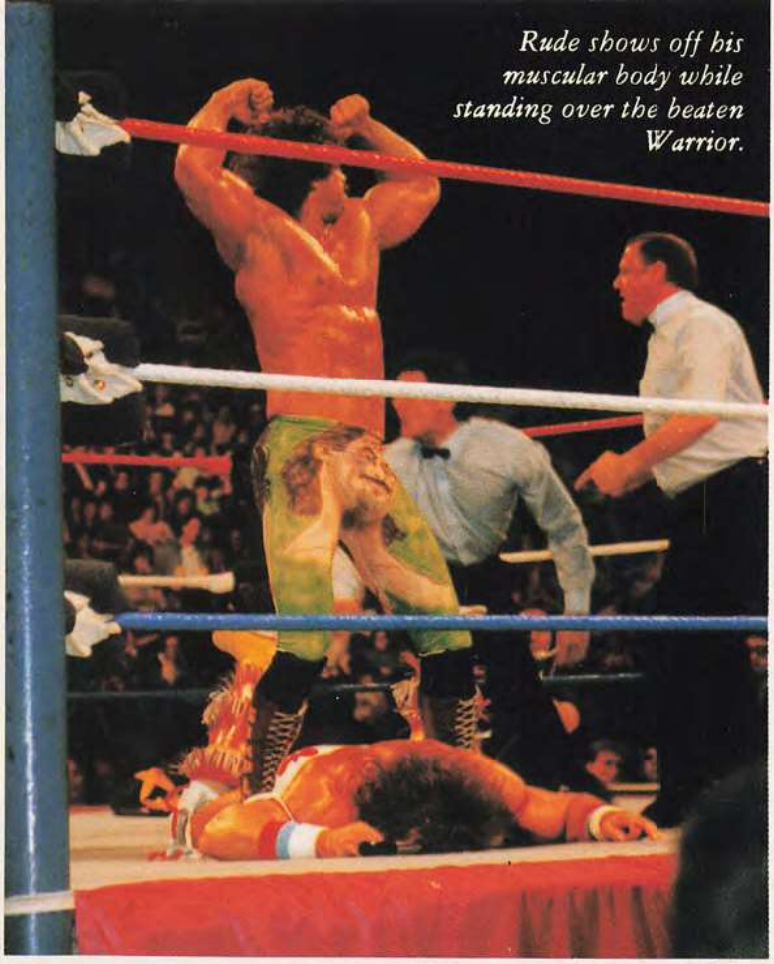
Rick Rude poses down for the crowd at the Royal Rumble. It was fairly obvious what was to come.

Rude attacks the Warrior with an exercise bar which left the Warrior unconscious.

The Ultimate Warrior mimics Rick Rude's posing while Bobby Heenan watches.



Rude pummells the Warrior's body with the exercise bar.



Rude shows off his muscular body while standing over the beaten Warrior.

WWF officials try to help the Warrior back to his feet.

An enraged Warrior sends WWF official, Nick Bockwinkle, flying out of the ring.

monopolize his time and waste his talent. Curt Hennig has improved tremendously in the past two years, as well as filled out. Two years ago, Curt wrestled as a 240 lb fan favorite. Today, he is a 275 lb rulebreaking wrestler. Even when he was smaller, he more than held his own with men bigger than he was. Today, he is almost as big as those men. Curt has never been intimidated by size, in the AWA he stood up against the Road Warriors and even though he would take a frightful beating sometimes, he would always come back for more. The Road Warriors respect Curt Hennig, even if they hate him. As a rulebreaking wrestler, he does not hesitate to use any and all his talents to win a match. Back in the good, old days, Curt would hold back in fear of hurting his opponent. All that did was hurt his career, when he got aggressive, his career took off and the World Championship, AWA style, was his. Curt Hennig is hungry, he wants to make a new reputation for himself in the WWF, an organization which does not recognize accomplishments in other wrestling organizations. What better way to make a reputation, and force the WWF promotion to give him a World Title shot, than to beat the Inter-Continental Champion, the man who is recognized as the #1 challenger to the World Belt.

There you have it, in the WWF, Curt Hennig is more than "Mr. Perfect", he is the ultimate challenger for The Ultimate Warrior.■

The MegaBreak-Up: Who's To Blame?

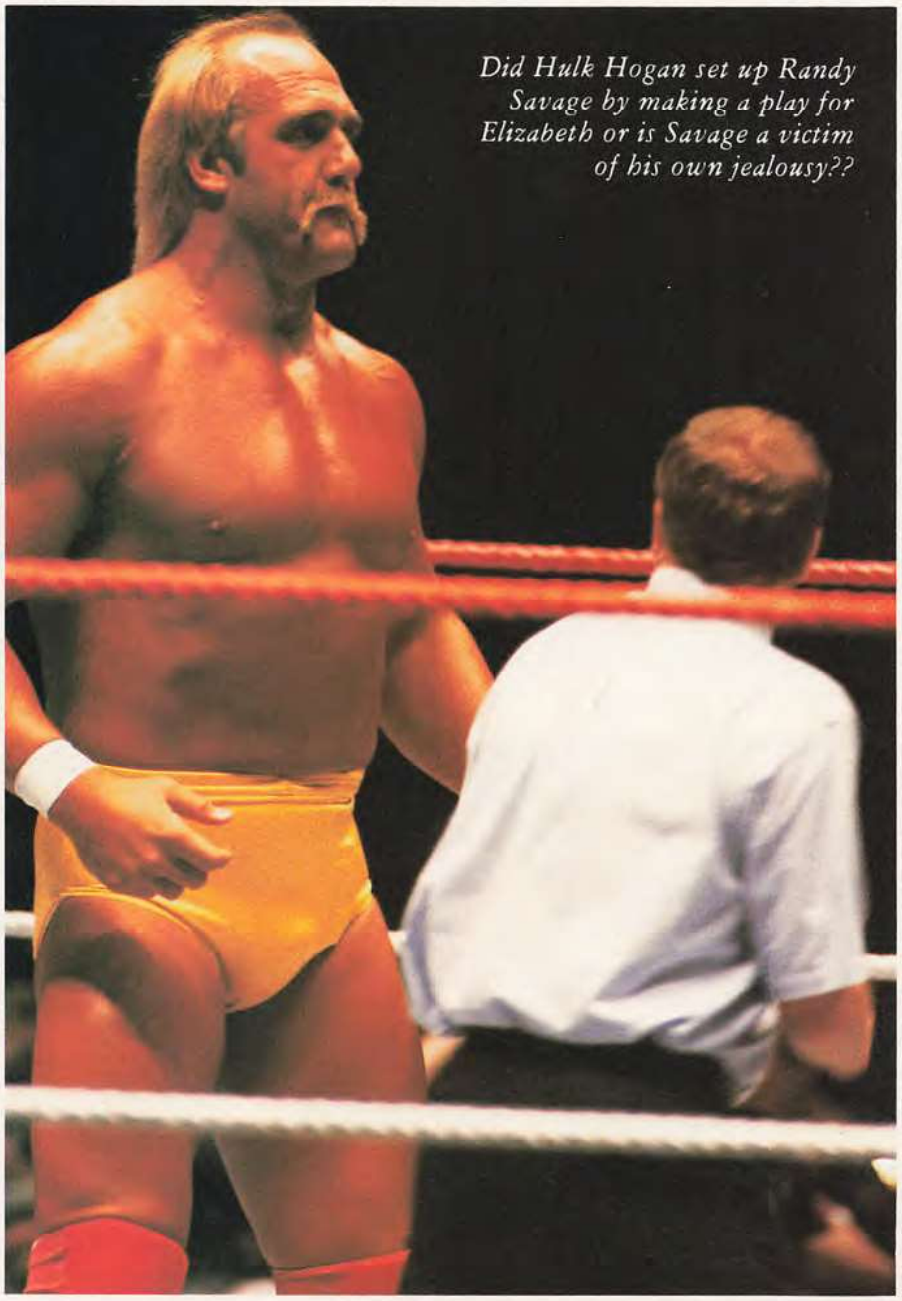
You saw it on national TV, live and in stereo. Hulk Hogan and Randy Savage had a nasty fight in the dressing room, fighting over their manager, the lovely Elizabeth. It was inevitable, two strong-willed men fighting over the attentions of a beautiful woman, but the confrontation could and should have been avoided. Whose fault is it that the MegaPowers split up? Here is one man's opinion.

By AL McGINESS

Finally, after almost a year and a half of being used by the big, blond, untalented egomaniac, Hulk Hogan, it's over. After a year and a half of succumbing to the brain-killing disease, Hulkamania, Randy Savage, the one and only true World Heavyweight Champion of the WWF, finally woke up, fought off the disease and realized what a piece of trash Hulk Hogan really is.

After losing his World Title fairly and squarely to Andre the Giant, almost a year ago to the day of the MegaBreak-Up, Hulk Hogan set out on a devious plot to regain the crown that he never should have worn in the first place. His intentions were made clear from the start, I want my title back and nobody, friend or foe, will stand in my way.Hulk Hogan has no friends, his best friend, and his only friend, looks at him in the mirror every morning as he counts the hairs on his head after he combs his hair and then counts the hair trapped in the comb. If the head has more hair on it than the comb, Hulk considers it the highlight of the day, then he gets out the hair coloring and makes sure the black roots are dyed blond, so nobody will know his hair is bleached. Then, after that, the egomaniac sits in the tanning machine for a few minutes, so you humanoids will think he is a healthy, sun-loving buffoon and hero. What a joke!! All Chump Hogan is, and can possibly ever be, is a self-centered egotistical phony out for only one thing, himself, and God help any fool who stands in his way.

Two years ago, Randy "Macho Man" Savage, the then-WWF Inter-Continental Heavyweight Champion, stood in Chump's way. He was the #1 challenger to Chump's throne and he wanted that strap. He challenged Hogan to several matches throughout the WWF kingdom. Savage never lost a match fair and square to Hogan, mainly because Hogan has help from the WWF officials to keep him on top. Chump realizes he has limited talents and needs all the help he can get, legal or illegal. There was no one in the WWF who could stop the "Macho Man" from achieving his goal, being #1 in the WWF. With the lovely Elizabeth by his side, guiding his career, he achieved new heights never before reached, and, even though he was recognized as a rulebreaker, he was more popular than the egomaniacal World Champion, Chump Hogan, and, whether you idiots like it or not, he could wrestle



Did Hulk Hogan set up Randy Savage by making a play for Elizabeth or is Savage a victim of his own jealousy??

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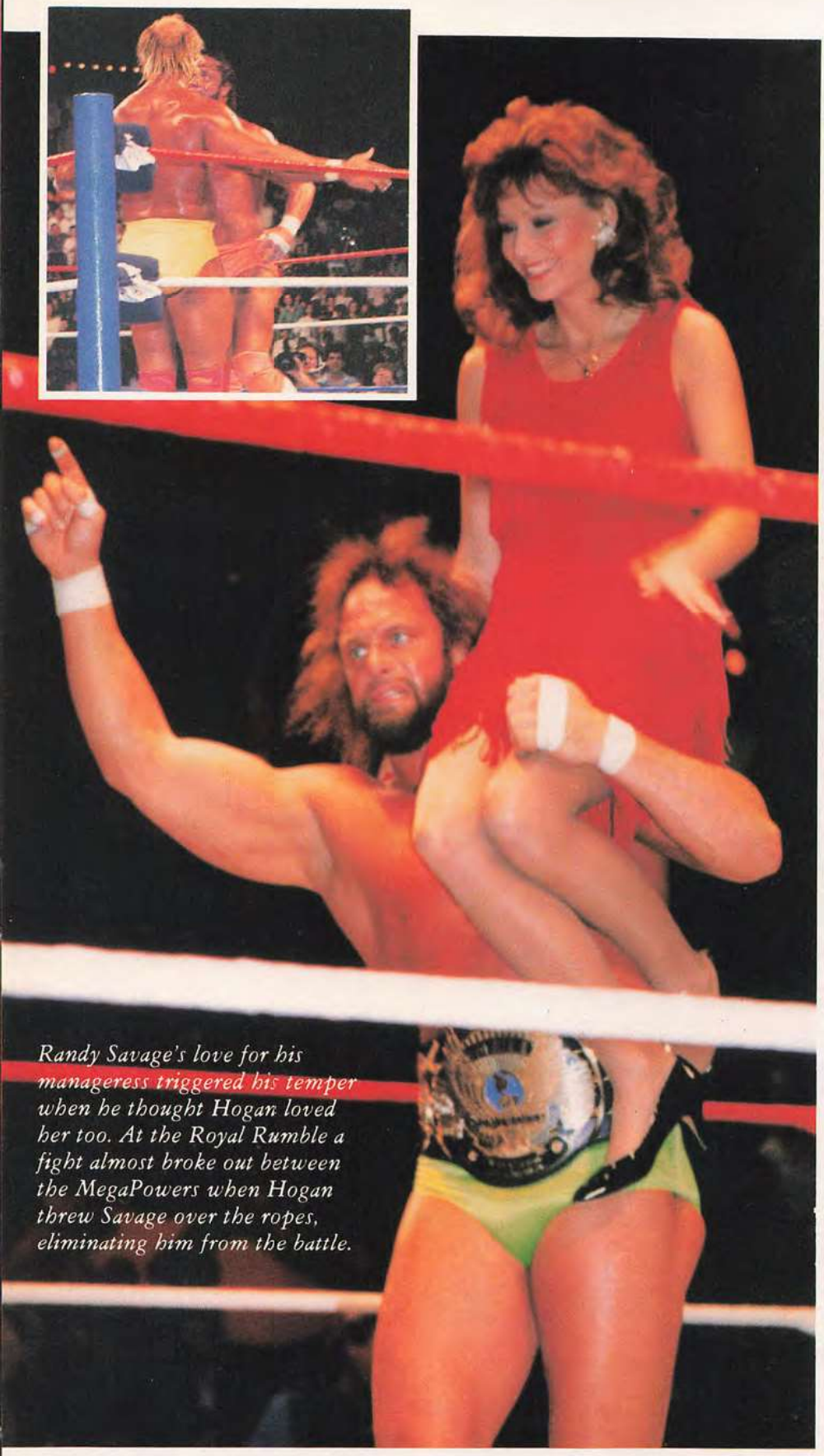


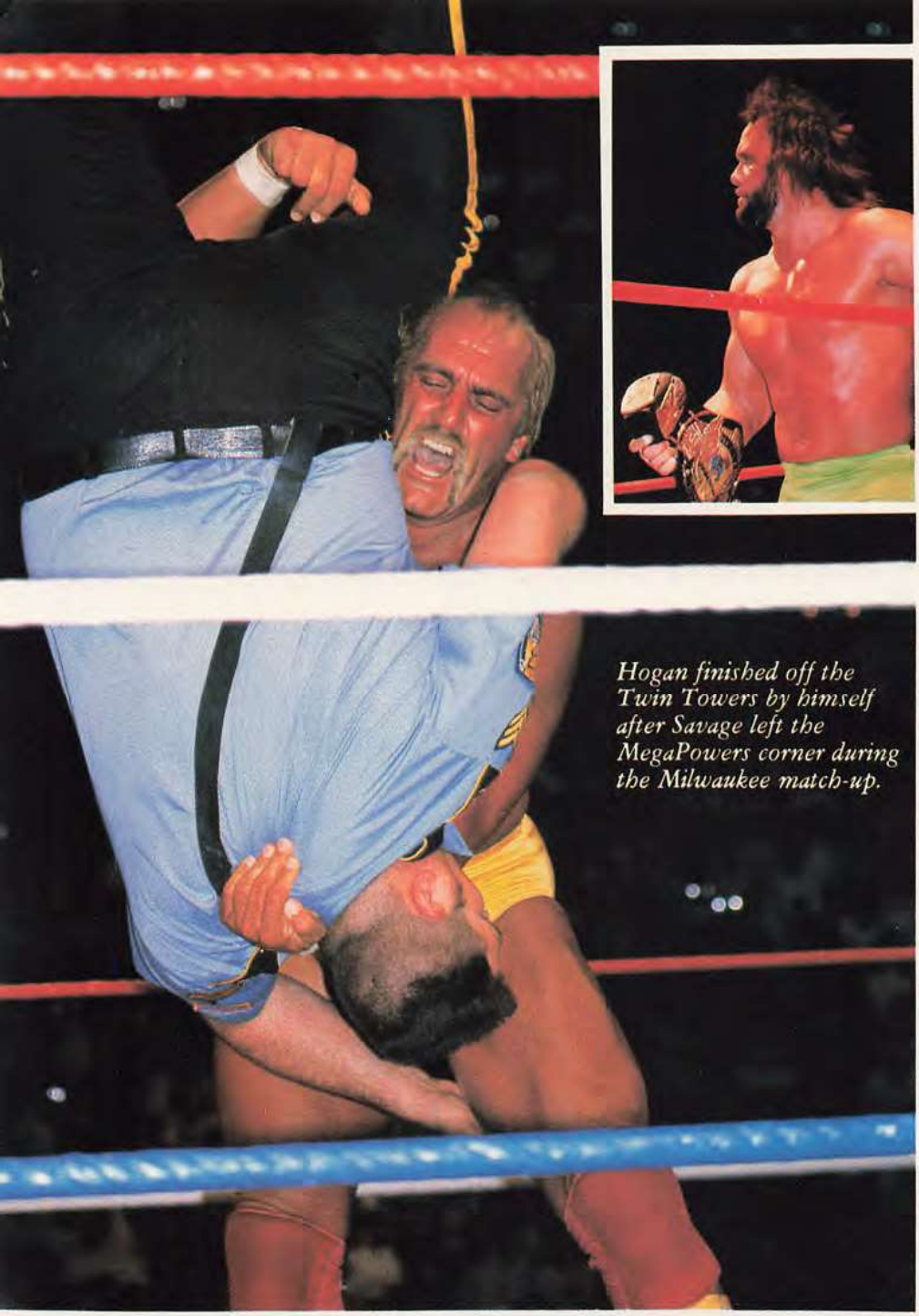
Randy Savage's love for his manageress triggered his temper when he thought Hogan loved her too. At the Royal Rumble a fight almost broke out between the MegaPowers when Hogan threw Savage over the ropes, eliminating him from the battle.

rings around the big, blond buffoon.

Hogan had no idea of how he would stop "Macho Madness" from taking over the WWF. There was no way he could avoid his inevitable downfall. In the meantime, Chump's then friend, Andre the Giant, realized he had been used and destroyed the Chump on nation-wide TV and got himself a match for the strap at Wrestlemania III, at Pontiac, Michigan. Randy Savage was to defend his strap against Ricky "the Dragon" Steamboat. Hogan, as devious as ever, set up a plan to strip Savage of the strap. He convinced the WWF promoters to place George "the Idiot" Steele in Steamboat's corner, to protect Steamboat from the mighty strength of the lovely Elizabeth, then he told the moron not to let anything bad happen to "the Dragon". Well, something bad was going to happen, Steamboat was about to lose when Steele attacked "Macho Man" with the ringside bell and knocked him out, costing him his strap and making a fan favorite the top challenger for the WWF crown. With Savage no longer the top contender, Hogan had little to worry about, as, with the exception of the mighty Andre, there were no real contenders for the World Strap.

Randy Savage claimed to see the lust in the Hulkster's eyes for Elizabeth.

Eventually, Steamboat lost the I-C title to the Honky Tonk Man. Honky had a real big mouth, he proclaimed himself the greatest Inter-Continental Champion of all time. This offended the greatest I-C Champion of all time, Randy "Macho Man" Savage. He challenged Honky to matches all around the world to prove Honky was full of #&$¢. The more he wrestled Honky, the more popular the "Macho Man" got. Hulk Hogan was jealous. He was used to being the most popular man in the WWF, now he had an intruder for that title, his enemy, Randy Savage, the man he never beat. He knew Savage would eventually beat Honky and regain his strap and would again be the #1 contender for the Chump's title. Chump concocted a devious plan, infect Savage and Elizabeth with Hulkamania disease and make them trust him, this way a bond would be formed and a challenger would be eliminated. Chump bided his time with implementing his plan. It could only be tried once and it had to work. Chump



Hogan finished off the Twin Towers by himself after Savage left the MegaPowers corner during the Milwaukee match-up.

found his opening on a show held in Hershey, Pa., in October, 1987, and taped for NBC-TV. Savage was challenging Honky for the strap again and Honky's corner were the WWF Tag Team Champions, the Hart Foundation, along with Jimmy Hart, their manager. It looked like "Macho Madness" would be reigning supreme once again, despite the three-on-one odds. As Savage was about to win, the World Champions entered the ring and attacked him. The three members of Jimmy Hart's army beat Savage severely. Elizabeth, at ringside, pleaded for mercy. She got tossed aside. Helpless to do anything, she ran to the dressing room to get some help. The first person she saw was Chump Hogan. She pulled him to ringside, with Hogan feigning ignorance about what was happening in the ring. In actuality, Hogan had been watching on a monitor, saw Elizabeth leave for the dressing room and positioned himself in a strategic spot where he could be found easily (and first). As soon as Hogan "saw" what was going on, he jumped into the ring and rescued the beaten challenger. Savage, stunned, warily extended his hand to the egomaniac, a hand which was eagerly accepted. With the elimination of his #1 challenger, a new bond was formed, the MegaPowers, and once again Hulk Hogan saved his own butt.

Then came February 4th, 1988, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The first prime-time wrestling show on TV in over thirty years. Hulk Hogan vs. Andre the Giant. The twin referees, Ted DiBiase, you all saw it, no sense recapping, I was there, too. Andre awarded the strap to DiBiase as promised. WWF President, Jerk Tunney, ruled the title vacant since DiBiase didn't win it in the ring. The Wrestlemania IV tournament was set up. Chump Hogan was eliminated right away by Andre, the immortal Giant. The fans' only hope was Randy Savage. He made it to the final round, to a Championship match with Ted DiBiase. Andre was in Ted's corner and Elizabeth was with Macho. Andre's interference caused Liz to go to the dressing room and get Chump Hogan. Hogan brought a chair with him, sat in a corner and kept his eyes on Andre. DiBiase caught Savage in the "Million Dollar Dream", there was no escape. Andre stupidly distracted the referee and Hogan saw his opening. He entered the ring and clobbered Ted in the back, knocking him out. Savage, stunned, looked around, he saw nothing unusual, climbed to the top rope, elbow-dropped the "Million Dollar Man" and pinned him for a tainted victory. Hogan jumped into the ring and congratulated his "friend". Savage, probably unaware of what Chump did, embraced him. What Chump did was tarnish the "Macho Man's" great reputation as a Champion and made him look like a weakling who needed help to win matches.

For months, any time Savage was in trouble during a title defense, the humanoids chanted "Hogan, Hogan", expecting the fool to rescue Randy. Savage probably surprised all you idiots by being able to win the matches all by himself and proved to be a good Champion, and, a credit to the sport of wrestling. There was just one little problem, he was still infected with Hulkamania disease, which prevented "Macho Madness" from taking control of the sport.

"SummerScam '88" held in August was the first time the MegaPowers ever teamed up and the first time Randy Savage realized what a phony Chump Hogan really is. Savage carried his team to victory that night, yet, the Chump basked in the glory, taking center stage in the post-match celebration. Chump was caught hugging Elizabeth in the center of the ring by his partner and, a brief argument took place in the ring, unnoticed by most of the idiots in the crowd, however, I saw it. I saw Randy Savage fighting off the devastation of Hulkamania disease.

This was all part of a plot. Chump Hogan, obsessed with regaining his strap, had a plan. He would never challenge his "friend" to a match, yet on interviews he made it clear no one would stand in his way on the road to regaining the belt, friend or foe. He knew Savage had a serious weakness, jealousy when it came to any man paying attention to Elizabeth. Chump knew the more attention he paid to Elizabeth, the angrier Savage would get, the angrier Savage got, the sooner he

Savage and Hogan did work together for a short period at the Royal Rumble.

would be able to get a Title match with the Champion. Hogan proclaimed Elizabeth to be his manager too, to the Champion's surprise, and started having her come to the ring with him. When he won, he would interrupt his relentless posing to give her a big hug and a peck on the cheek. Savage fumed in the background.

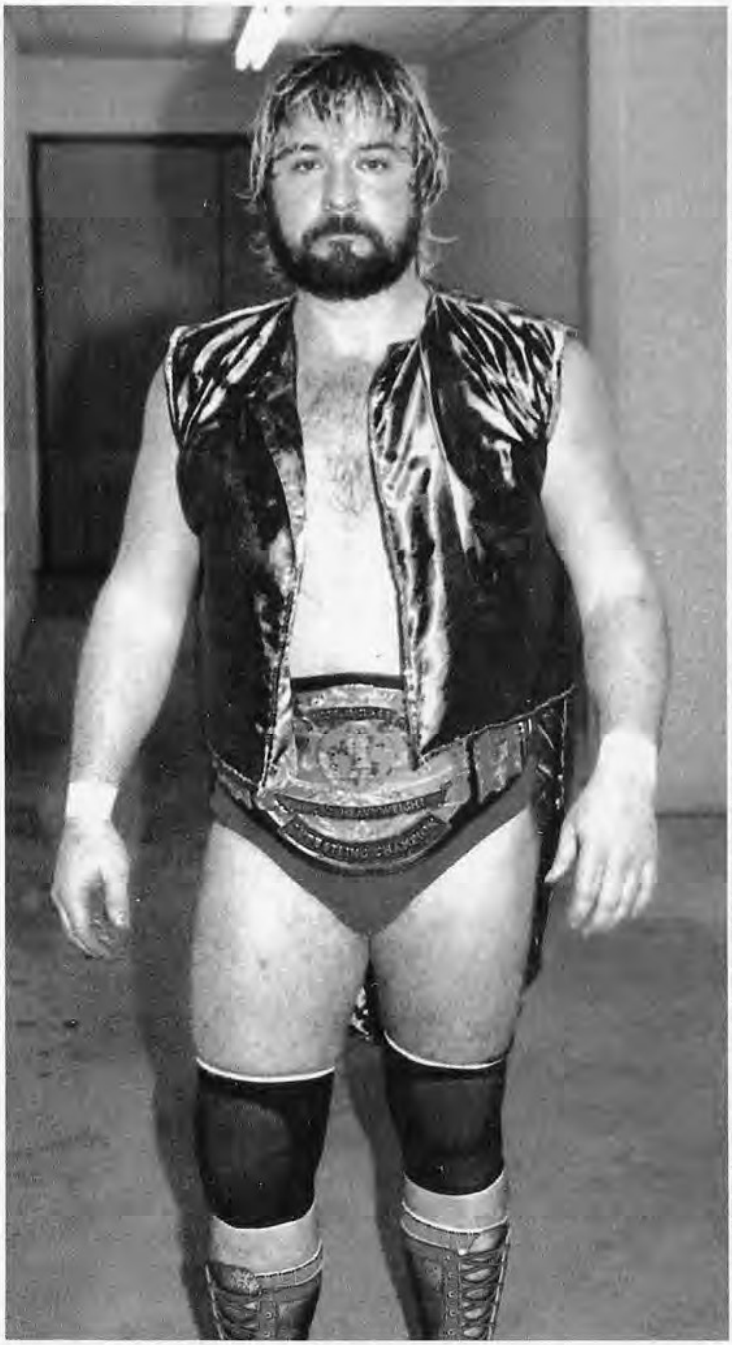
Things began to come to a head at the Survivor Series. Randy Savage carried Hulk Hogan to a victory. During that match, Elizabeth was dragged away from the ring by Slick. Hogan saw this and chased him down where he was ambushed by Akeem and the Big Boss Man and handcuffed to the ring ropes. Savage took a frightful beating in the ring from three men. Finally, Elizabeth was able to release Hogan and he ran to the corner, tagged in, and finished off King Haku. The World Champion was lying in the corner and Elizabeth was looking out for him, she tried to get the Chump to help his "friend". It was too important for Chump to pose, he ignored his partner, and, as Randy was coming to, he grabbed Liz and hugged her. Savage saw this, got up and gave Chump a real dirty look. Hulkamania disease was being overcome by Macho Madness at last.

A match was held about two weeks later in Tampa, Florida, to be seen in January on NBC-TV. It was between the Chump and Big Boss Man. Elizabeth was in Chump's corner again. Akeem and Boss Man started to beat the untalented bum mercilessly. Elizabeth went back to the dressing room to get Savage, who was watching on a TV monitor. Rightfully so, Savage refulsed to come to the ring to help his MegaPower partner, knowing that if he did, Chump would lose by DQ. Hogan recovered. Again, the Twin Towers double teamed Chump and this time they touched Liz, handcuffing her. Savage, seeing his manager being attacked, came to the ring and saved her. He tried to drag her back to the dressing room, however, she wanted to help the Chump. Not getting any help when he needed it, Savage said no way and tried to get Liz to go with him. She refused and helped the blond egomaniac to his feet and escorted him to the dressing room as "Macho Man" had to take the back seat again. The madness was just about to overcome Hulkamania once and for all.

A week or so later, Savage wrestled Akeem. Savage was getting double teamed by the Twin Towers when Hogan saved him. Savage had been kayo'ed by Boss Man's billy club and, when he awoke, he saw Hogan standing in the ring with the billy club. Randy had never seen who clubbed him, he only knew that Hogan was in the ring and he had the club in his hand. He knew how untrustworthy the egomaniac was and he felt, deep in his heart, not only was the Chump after his woman, he was after his other prized possession, the World Strap. Savage knew he had no friend in his corner and refused to thank him for "rescuing" him and further weakening his reputation as a good Champion.

February 3rd, 1989, the frozen tundra of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is beyond cold. Almost a year to the day of NBC's first prime-time wrestling special. This year it was to be the MegaPowers vs. the Twin Towers. A wrestling match that set the sport back some thirty years. The only man in the ring with any ability at all was Randy "Macho Man" Savage. He knew he was totally alone, but, not exactly how alone he really was. Carrying his team to new heights, with little help from the Chump, Savage was well on his way to victory when Akeem threw him out of the ring. Elizabeth comforted her man and assisted him back into the ring where Akeem grabbed him and threw him out again. This time Randy Savage didn't hit the floor he clobbered Elizabeth, who hit her head on the concrete floor and was knocked cold. Savage was also stunned. Chump Hogan came from his corner and tried to help Liz, the idiot thought she was dead. He didn't do anything for his partner. Savage came to and saw his partner cradling Elizabeth. The fury in his body gave him the strength enough to rise to his feet. He was enraged and worried for Elizabeth. He was about to hit Chump when he was tossed back into the ring and double teamed. Hogan ignored his partner's plight and, instead of leaving Elizabeth for the medics to attend to, Dr. Hogan picked her up and carried her to a stretcher, then he went back into the dressing room, leaving his partner behind to take a beating from the Twin Towers. For over five minutes, Chump Hogan, losing the woman he fell in love with intentionally, cried over her lifeless body in the dressing room, not caring one bit about his "friend" taking a beating in the ring.

Finally, Liz woke up, she wasn't dead after all, only a brainless idiot would think that anyway. She wanted to know where Savage was, and Hogan realized he had left him at the mercy of two fat slobs. Liz told the Chump to go help his partner. Chump got to the ring as fast as he could. Savage didn't want, or need, him anymore. He was cured, finally, of Hulkamania disease. Chump wanted to tag in. He wanted to collect the glory after Savage took the beating. Savage tagged in the Chump by slapping his face. The humanoids were shocked, but what else could they have expected? How much can one man take?! Savage left Chump, just like Chump left him. He went to see how Elizabeth was. Hogan finished the match, and, because the Twin Towers are worse than Hogan ever could be, he won. Then he went to the dressing room to find Savage. Savage told him to get lost, he wasn't needed there anymore. An argument ensued, Savage had realized Chump Hogan had fallen in love with Elizabeth, was jealous of him being the World Champion and was also aware Hogan was afraid to challenge him to a match because Hogan would lose. Randy was sick to his stomach and who could blame him? He had been betrayed and used by someone he trusted. Maybe even Elizabeth had done favors for Hogan?? Savage attacked Hogan and knocked him down. Elizabeth went to see how Hogan was. Savage threw Elizabeth away from Hogan's useless body. Then security, and Brutus Beefcake, rescued Hogan from a well-deserved beating. He will get what he deserves at Wrestlemania V. Finally, Hulkamania will be destroyed once and for all. I'll be there for this historic occasion, I can't wait!!■



Flamboyant Eric Embry: The Man Devastation, Inc. Can't Keep Down

By SANDY KREBS

Eric Embry, the WCCW World Lt. Heavyweight Champion, lost a loser-leaves-town match to Gary Young. Don't expect Embry to be gone long, he'll find a way to come back to the WCCW.

Flamboyant Eric Embry used to be the man all Texas wrestling fans loved to hate. That all changed last October when Embry helped the Von Erichs in their feud with the Tennessee Volunteers. The adoration the fans had for Embry grew until he was almost as loved as Kerry and Kevin Von Erich. But not everyone loved Embry. His ex-manager, Scandor Akbar, put a $50,000 bounty on his head and imported new wrestlers, such as Cactus Jack and Gary Young, into Devastation, Inc. to get the job done. No matter what Akbar does, he can't keep Eric Embry down.

Flamboyant Eric Embry came to the WCCW in March, 1987. Almost immediately the fans took an intense dislike to him. He was small, brash and arrogant. The company he kept didn't earn him the fan's respect either. His best friend was Cowboy Tony, a disgrace to all Texas cowboys and a little weird (if you know what I mean). These two men started feuding with Steve Simpson, which earned them even more of the fan's disrespect. Despite his small stature, Eric Embry steadily climbed up the WCCW ladder of success. He put himself in line for a shot at the World Lt. Heavyweight Championship, which was held by Piet Vander Greyling of South Africa. On Sept. 18, 1987, in Johannesburg, South Africa, Eric Embry used a piledriver to defeat the Champion and brought the World Lt. Heavyweight Championship back home with him to Texas. With a Championship belt around his waist, there was no stopping Embry as he continued his vendetta against the Simpsons and rose even higher on the WCCW hate list.

All that changed this past October. Embry, who had been a valued member of Scandor Akbar's Devastation, Inc., left the organization. And things have been different for him ever since. Embry's life started changing the day of the annual Cotton Bowl spectacular in Dallas. He was scheduled to defend his World Lt. Heavyweight Title that day against newcomer, Jeff Jarrett, from Tennessee. As usual the fans booed Embry as he made his way to the ring. Not really knowing Jarrett, the fans took an immediate liking to him, only because he was wrestling Embry. It didn't seem strange at the time, but, Akbar did not accompany Eric Embry to the ring.

Scandor Akbar placed a $50,000 bounty on Embry for betraying Devastation, Inc.

Embry gets revenge on the man who cut his hair off, Gary Young.

Things were about to really enter the Twilight Zone as Eric Embry and Jeff Jarrett wrestled a completely scientific match and Jarrett pinned Embry clean in the middle of the ring to take the World Belt. Embry offered his hand in congratulations to Jarrett after the match, a rare sportsman-like offering from him. The oddest moments of that day were yet to come.

The main event was a World Title Unification match between AWA World Champion, Jerry Lawler, and WCCW World Champion, Kerry Von Erich. This was a Texas Death Match with Tennessee Rules. Falls didn't count and a wrestler could use foreign objects to win. The match was over when a wrestler couldn't continue. The referee, John Keeton, got kayo'ed by a loaded punch thrown by Kerry, who continued to attack Lawler and got him into a pinning situation. There was no referee to count the pin, so WCCW official, Frank Dusek, entered the ring and administered a quick three count to Lawler. Lawler had fifteen seconds to recover and then ten seconds to get on his feet. Dusek counted the twenty-five seconds in about thirteen seconds and awarded the match and both titles to Kerry Von Erich. AWA official, Eddie Marlin, jumped into the ring. He got into a shouting match with Dusek, which developed into a fight. Lawler and Kerry also got involved. Two of Lawler's friends, Jeff Jarrett and Jimmy Valiant, had watched the match from the end-zone seats. Seeing their friend robbed, they ran to the ring and they got involved in the battle. From the back of the end-zone came Kevin Von Erich to help his brother and Eric Embry. The fans naturally assumed Embry had come to the ring to attack his enemies, the Von Erichs, however, they were surprised to see him fight with the Texans and chase the Tennessee Volunteers from the ring. I was standing in the walkway as the wrestlers returned to the dressing room. All the fans were shaking Eric Embry's hand and thanking him for helping Kerry and Kevin. I was shocked, I never thought I would see the day that a member of Devastation, Inc. would help the Von Erichs.

Once hated, Embry is now extremely popular with Texas wrestling fans.

Later that evening, I was watching Championship Sports on KTVT-TV Channel 11 in Ft. Worth, when I received another shock. Embry was wrestling Kendall Windham when Iceman Parsons and Akbar hit the ring. They were in the ring to get Windham, not caring about the consequences to Embry, who was disqualified. A look of disgust was seen on Embry's face as he left the ring, a loser. Later on in the show came the big surprise. Kerry and Kevin Von Erich had been scheduled to wrestle a tag team

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Being popular doesn't mean Eric has forgotten how to break all the rules.

elimination match against Scandor Akbar's men, Iceman Parsons and the Botswana Beast. Kevin had been attacked by the Super Black Ninja earlier in the evening and couldn't wrestle, so Kerry went to the ring by himself. He was outnumbered three to one and was taking a terrible thrashing. Eric Embry came out to the ring, most of the fans assumed he was there to help finish off Kerry. Instead, Embry went over to Kerry's corner and waited for a tag. Not realizing he had a partner, Kerry continued to wrestle and be thrashed. Finally, Kerry was whipped into his corner where Eric Embry forced him to tag out. Embry came into the ring and won the match for his team and a new fan favorite was found, as the fans went wild.

Eric Embry continued to be a part of the "Texas Rangers" tag team, along with the Von Erichs and Dusek, as they feuded briefly with the "Tennessee Volunteers", headed by Lawler and Jeff Jarrett. Then, Jeff Jarrett left the Tennessee team after he was attacked one evening by the Samoan Swat Team, who had substituted that evening for Lawler and Valiant.

Earlier that same evening, Embry regained his title from Jarrett when a wild chair swinging melee caused Jarrett's DQ and title loss. From there, Embry and Jarrett became friends and tag team partners.

Scandor Akbar was enraged. He felt Embry had betrayed him and he wanted revenge. He put a $50,000 bounty on Eric's head and would award it to anyone who could put the Flamboyant One out of wrestling for good. One evening, after Embry beat a young up-and-coming young wrestler in 15 seconds, Akbar and the Botswana Beast came to the ring. Embry was ready and was dishing out punishment when Gary Young and Cactus Jack made their first appearance at the Sportatorium. With the help of Akbar's two new henchmen, Embry was quickly turned into a bloody pulp who was saved from permanent injury only due to Brickhouse Brown and Chris Adams, who ran from the dressing room to help him. A feud that was intense to begin with had just intensified.

Embry wanted Akbar in the ring. He felt that to kill a disease, you must stop the carrier. Akbar wanted no part of Embry. He hasn't wrestled in years and knew, even if he didn't admit it, that Embry could destroy him. Eric Embry made plans to trick Akbar into the ring. To the surprise of the fans, he announced he had made a mistake and wanted to rejoin Devastation, Inc. Akbar was skeptical and didn't know what to do. Eventually, Embry convinced Akbar he meant what he said and produced a contract which would bind them together again. When Akbar finally signed the contract, Embry gleefully announced that what Akbar had signed was a contract for a match, not a working arrangement. The fans went berserk, Akbar would finally get what was coming to him. The match never took place. After Embry had come to the ring, a female in the crowd distracted him. However, that was no lady, it was Gary Young dressed in drag. When the bell rang, Young jumped into the ring, stripped off the dress and, along with Akbar and Cactus Jack, beat Embry bloody again. The feud moved up another notch in intensity.

On the last day of 1988, Eric Embry lost the WCCW World Lt. Heavyweight Title to Cactus Jack. Jack is no light heavyweight, but Embry petitioned the WCCW to raise the limit of the weight class because he didn't have enough competition at the 232 lb. level. In actuality, Embry wanted Jack in the ring and felt Jack needed some incentive to get in the ring one-on-one. So, the WCCW allowed Embry to defend the Championship against any wrestler who weighed up to ten pounds above the limit. Coincidentally, Cactus Jack weighs 242 lbs. With Akbar's help, he hit Embry with a foreign object when the referee wasn't looking. Cactus Jack became the heaviest Lt. Heavyweight Champion in history.

One week later, Scandor Akbar changed the stipulations for the $50,000 bounty. He would award the money to any wrestler who could put Eric Embry out of wrestling or bring Akbar his hair in a brown paper bag. Akbar's mercenaries came through for him. Iceman Parsons, Super Black Ninja and Cactus Jack held Embry down in the middle of the Sportatorium ring as Gary Young cut his hair off. Only the intervention of Jimmy Jack Funk and Brickhouse Brown prevented Embry from looking like Rick Neilsen of Cheap Trick. This time, apparently, Devastation, Inc. finished off Embry. He was scheduled to wrestle a tag team match with Brown against Jack and Young, however, Brown came to the ring and announced Eric Embry had had enough and was quitting the business. This totally caught Devastation, Inc. off guard and they began to celebrate the victory over their hated rival. Just then who should hit the ring but Eric Embry, who hadn't retired, he set them up again, and with a trash can lid, he thrashed Devastation, Inc. This was the umpteenth time Embry had humiliated Akbar and he had enough. He put his men on a strenuous schedule to finish off Embry. It didn't work. Cactus Jack lost the WCCW Lt. Heavyweight Title belt back to Embry and Young was having his problems with the Flamboyant One also.

Akbar came up with a plan. A loser-leaves-town match. He signed a contract for Gary Young to wrestle Eric Embry and the loser had to leave Texas. The match was scheduled for Feb. 3rd, but a severe ice storm cancelled the show, so the match was rescheduled for Feb. 10th. Over 2,000 fans came to the Sportatorium to say good-bye to Gary Young. It wasn't to be however, as Gary Young, with the help of Cactus Jack, beat Eric Embry and ran him out of town.

As this is being written, it is "Farewell to Eric Embry" week in the WCCW. His last match is against Cactus Jack for the Lt. Heavyweight Belt he cherishes so much. But, remember, Eric Embry is devious, he knows all the tricks of the trade, legal and illegal, so don't be surprised to see him back in the WCCW real soon. He's got a job to do, destroy Devastation, Inc. and nothing nor anybody will stand in his way of getting the job done. You can't keep a good man down.■

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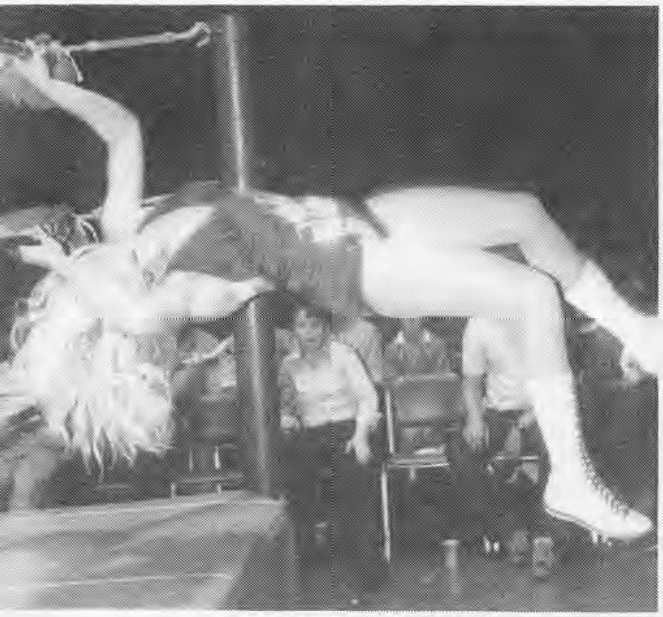

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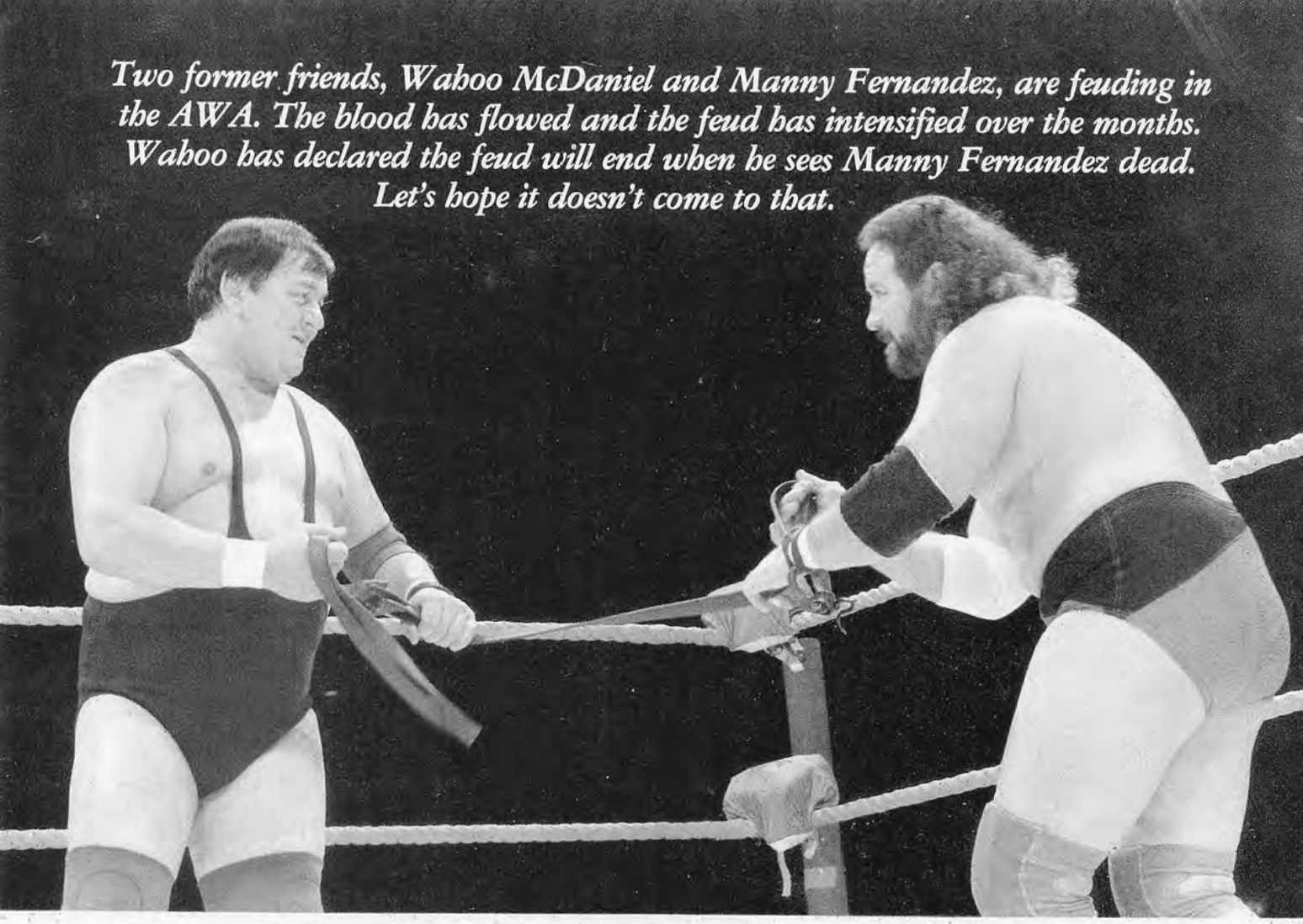
Two former friends, Wahoo McDaniel and Manny Fernandez, are feuding in the AWA. The blood has flowed and the feud has intensified over the months. Wahoo has declared the feud will end when he sees Manny Fernandez dead. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.



DEATH FEUD: Manny Fernandez vs. Wahoo McDaniel

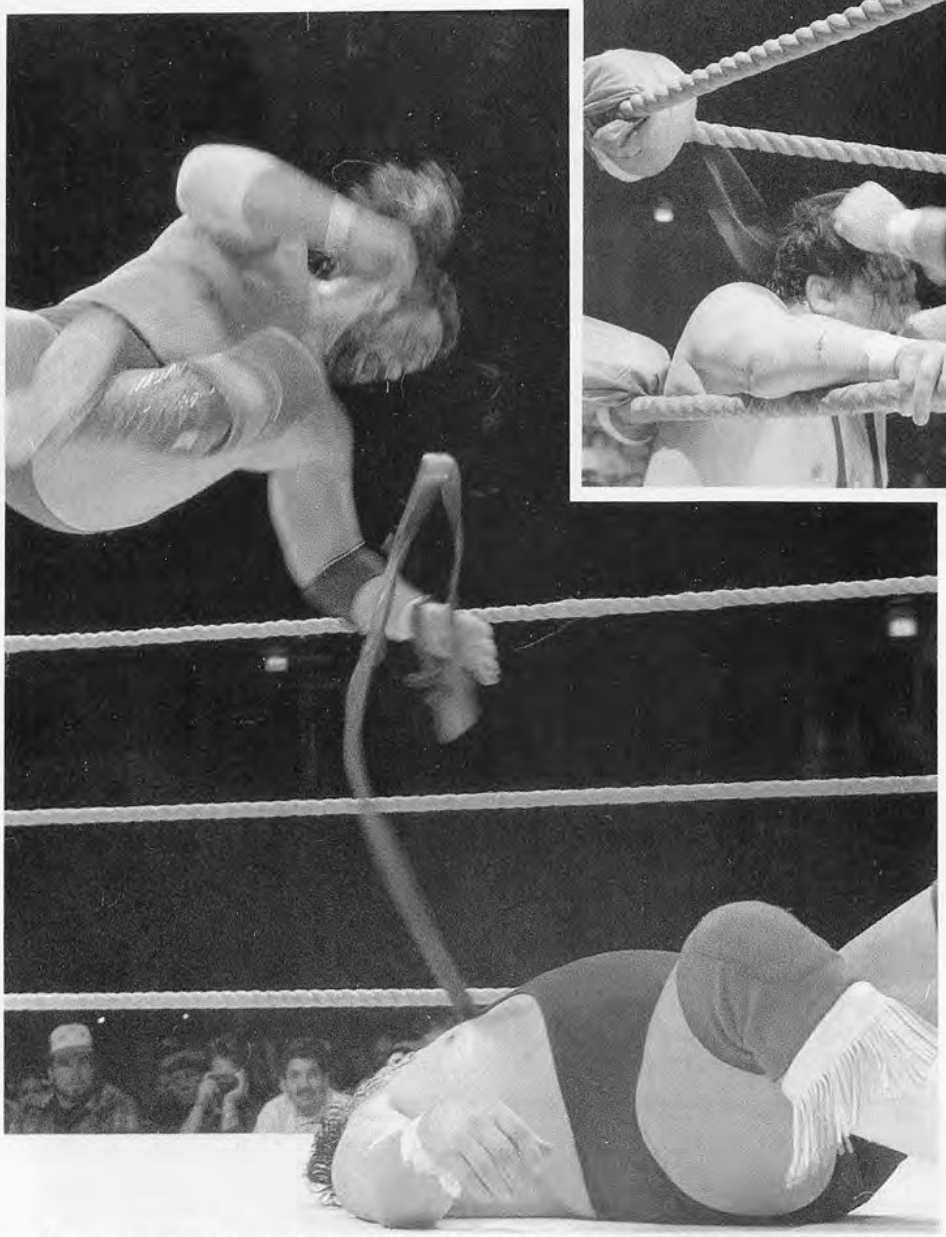
By SANDY KREBS

One of wrestling's longest running feuds is being fought out in the AWA between Manny Fernandez, the Raging Bull, and the veteran Indian Chief Wahoo McDaniel.

Once upon a time, these two men were best friends, but no longer. Growing up in Texas, the Raging Bull looked up to Wahoo McDaniel as an idol, along with Terry and Dory Funk, Jr. He grew up wanting to be one of the toughest, respected wrestlers in the world, just like the Chief. When the time came, he seeked out Wahoo, who helped train him to become a professional wrestler. Wahoo was proud of Manny, he looked upon him as a son, and knew he would become a top star in the mat world in time. Almost everywhere the Chief appeared, Manny Fernandez was soon to follow, whether it was Florida, Houston, Amarillo, Kansas City or San Antonio. Wahoo looked at Manny as a trusted ally who would always be there when the Chief needed help against the many enemies he had in the sport.

All that changed in 1984. Wahoo McDaniel had a dramatic attitude change and, for the first time in his long career, became a hated wrestler in the Mid-Atlantic area. Feuding with Ricky Steamboat and Jay Youngblood, not to mention Dusty Rhodes and Magnum T.A., the Chief showed how brutal he could be. Never regarded as a scientific wrestler, the Chief always looked to beat his opponent, not injure him. Now, he looked to cripple and maim, as he thought that was the only way to get what he wanted most, the NWA World Heavyweight Championship, a title which has eluded Wahoo's grasp his entire career. Ricky Steamboat was the NWA U.S. Champion and a disputed decision in a match with McDaniel caused the title to

Manny busted Wahoo open first at SuperClash III, but Wahoo still won the match.



Manny Fernandez comes down with a flying elbow drop onto Wahoo's prone body.

These two men are fighting each other all over the country.

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be vacated. Both men claimed to be the rightful U.S. Champion, so Jim Crockett decided the only way to determine the Champion was to hold a tournament for the belt. Wrestlers from all over the world entered the tourney for the second most prestigious belt in the NWA and the most important one in Mid-Atlantic, as the U.S. Title was a steppingstone to the World Belt. Manny Fernandez came from Texas to see if he was good enough to take the belt. He was surprised at what he saw. He saw his friend and idol, Wahoo McDaniel, teaming up with Tully Blanchard, an enemy of Manny's, and being booed by the fans. Fernandez, much slimmer than he is now, and a big fan favorite at the time, got all the way to the tournament final match, where he would meet his mentor, Wahoo McDaniel. In his semi-final match, Fernandez suffered an injured leg at the hands of Blanchard and went into the match for the gold at a severe handicap. The Chief, ever the smart veteran, immediately went after the injured leg and easily beat Manny Fernandez to win the NWA U.S. Championship.

Throughout the next several months in the Mid-Atlantic area, Manny and the Chief waged war. Wahoo never lost his belt to Manny, he eventually lost it to Magnum T.A., but he knew how tough a competitor the Raging Bull had become. The blood was shed all around the circuit.

After losing the belt, Wahoo left for Florida, where he reformed and became the fan favorite he was accustomed to being. Manny Fernandez didn't follow Wahoo to Florida, even though his friend was back to normal, Manny felt betrayed and wanted nothing to do with the Chief anymore. That betrayal set the tone for the future events in Fernandez's career. Still the popular grappler, Fernandez

Once the best of friends, Wahoo McDaniel and Manny Fernandez can no longer stand the sight of each other.

became close friends with Jimmy "Boogie Woogie Man" Valiant and assisted him in his on-going war with Paul Jones' Army of wrestlers. Number One insisted that he could entice Fernandez away from Valiant and set his sights on the Raging Bull. The Bull, remembering how he was betrayed by his best friend, realized that there were really no friendships in wrestling and one had to look out for himself. Finally, Paul Jones offered the Bull enough money. Manny jumped ship and left Valiant on his own and became the hated rule-breaker he is today. In the process, Manny Fernandez became one-half of the NWA World Tag Team Champions, along with his partner, Rick Rude.

Wahoo McDaniel eventually left Florida, when Jim Crockett Promotions bought the promotion, and set up shop in the AWA. After losing the World Tag Titles, both Rude and Fernandez left the NWA, Rude for the WWF sideshow and the Bull became a mercenary, wrestling anywhere that would pay him what he was worth. His toughness made him a giant star in Japan, he went to Memphis to feud with Jerry "the King" Lawler and he went to Puerto Rico, where he nearly killed Invader #3 with a knee-drop off the top rope. After dropping his 280 lbs. on the Invader, blood spewed out of the Invader's mouth like lava from a volcano. Fernandez was barred from appearing in Puerto Rico after that incident.

After spending a month in Japan, Fernandez came back to America and looked for someplace where he could hurt people. He realized that Wahoo McDaniel was in the AWA and he petitioned the promotion for a spot on the cards. He wanted revenge for the betrayal he suffered four years ago. In that four years, he had bulked up from 240 lbs to 280. He had become mean and nasty and, as Invader #3 can testify, merciless in the ring, just like Wahoo was in 1984. Manny Fernandez demanded matches with Wahoo McDaniel, he wanted to end his wrestling career.

Wahoo, never backed down from a challenger in his life. Even though he is well past his prime, he still has enough left to take on today's younger stars and more than hold his own. Wahoo was generally recognized as the #1 contender for the AWA World Title, held by Jerry Lawler. Fernandez looked forward to finishing the Chief's career, as he knew beating Wahoo would give him satisfaction, as well as a shot at another enemy, Lawler, whom Fernandez felt was ducking him.

The early matches in the AWA were no-holds-barred bloodbaths. Neither wrestler came to the ring to merely beat the other, both came to destroy careers. A wild match on ESPN turned into another bloodbath as the two men battled everywhere in the Showboat Casino except the ring. Wahoo was getting the better of his former protege in the match-ups when Manny decided to use a little psychology to hurt the Chief. During a match Wahoo was wrestling on TV, Fernandez came to the ring and tore up the Chief's valued Indian headdress, said to be given to him by his father and a family heirloom. McDaniel was devastated, for the first

Wahoo remained unbeaten in Strap Matches after beating "the Bull" in Chicago.

time, wrestling fans saw this tough wrestler actually crying and clutching the headdress feathers to his chest. McDaniel demanded revenge. He implored the AWA to give him a match with Fernandez, an Indian Strap Match, a match McDaniel was proficient in, a match he was undefeated in. Manny Fernandez is also not a person who backs down from a challenge. He knew of the stipulation and didn't care, he realized that if he beat Wahoo at his own game, he would add to his reputation as one of the toughest men around. He signed the contract and the match would be held at SuperClash III in Chicago.

The AWA eagerly awaited this match. It was one of their two showcase matches on the card, the other being the title unification match between Jerry Lawler and Kerry Von Erich. As expected the match was an all-out brawl. Neither man held anything back in an attempt to win. Fernandez, showing amazing talent with the leather strap, used it to bust the Chief wide open early in the match. Wahoo fighting fire with fire, returned the favor, and soon the two gladiators were covered in their own blood.

To win the match, a man had to drag his opponent around the ring and touch all four corners to win. Fernandez nearly won the bout once, but McDaniel dug deep into his courage and prevented the Bull from doing so. Then it was the Chief's turn. He dragged Manny around the ring and touched three corners. The Bull, desperately trying to keep from losing, tried to kick the Chief down to prevent him from touching the fourth corner. Instead, Wahoo fell into the corner, touching it to win the match.

Fernandez was furious! He got to his feet and attacked the Chief, tied him to the ropes with the strap and started to kick and punch McDaniel mercilessly. Wahoo was helpless. Dragon Fujinami, the IWGP World Heavyweight Champion, and another enemy of the Bull, came to the ring to rescue the Chief and chase Manny Fernandez from the ring.

Afterwards, during a ringside interview, Wahoo McDaniel expressed his frustration. He said he wasn't satisfied with the way the match ended. He wasn't letting the feud end. He said the feud wouldn't end with the end of Manny Fernandez's career, he wouldn't rest until he saw Manny Fernandez dead! The two men continue to do battle in AWA arenas coast to coast. Neither man is satisfied with the outcome of a match. Not satisfied because the opponent is able to get up and leave the ring on his own two feet. This is a feud that may never die, unless one of the participants dies while fighting it. It may be the only way to end it.■

The feud won't end until one of the participants is dead, said Wahoo..

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RANDY SAVAGE VS. THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

This Savage clothesline really hurt the Warrior but, nothing keeps him down for long.

Randy Savage, along with his new attitude, gave the Ultimate Warrior, the WWF Inter-Continental Champion, a non-title shot at Madison Square Garden on February 20th. Savage out to prove he doesn't need Hulk Hogan, or the fans, really took it to the challenger, who gave back everything he received. The short

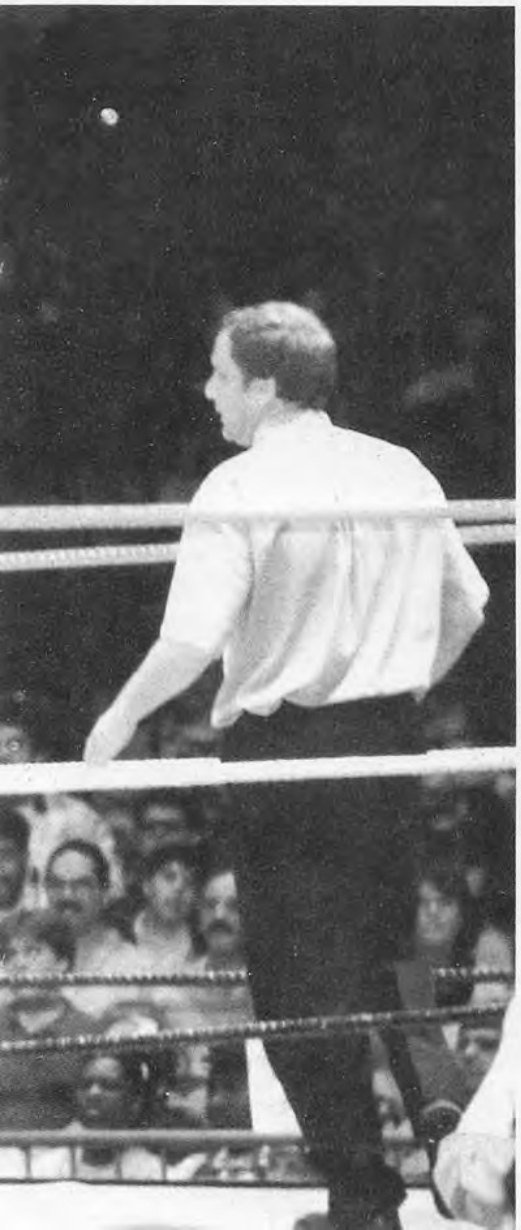
The Warrior attacked fiercely and really nailed Savage with an atomic drop.

match was marred by the appearance of "Ravishing" Rick Rude at ringside, who was busy posing for the TV cameras and distracting the Warrior. Finally, Rude interfered in the match and the Warrior came out of the ring after him. While chasing the "Ravishing One" around the ring, the Ultimate Warrior was counted out of the ring and lost the match.

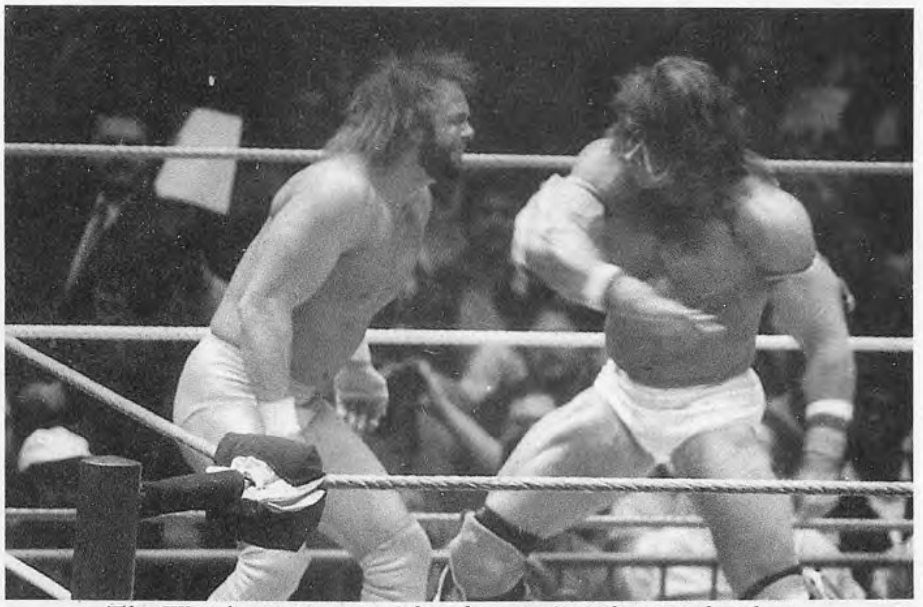
When the Warrior finally caught up with Rude, he gave him a power lift and dropped him on his face. Savage came back into the ring and clothes-lined the Ultimate Warrior, assisted Rude to his feet and shook his hand in gratitude.

Elizabeth wasn't at her customary place in Savage's corner, as she is still injured from her collision at the Milwaukee show. Savage, by holding his own against a man bigger and stronger than he, proved he doesn't need Elizabeth in his corner to help in getting his hand raised in victory.

The feud is far from over, the intensity of the crowd demands a re-match and the wrestlers want a re-match, whether for the World Title or I-C Title and the future matches between two of the three biggest WWF stars should be something to see.■



Not fearing the Warrior's strength, Savage whips him into the ropes.



The Warrior connects with a devastating chop to the chest.

Savage continued to hurt the Warrior with punches and kicks to the body.

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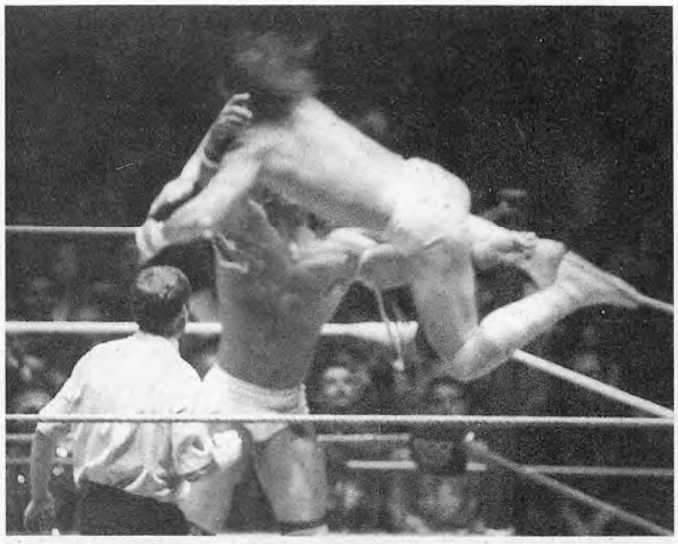
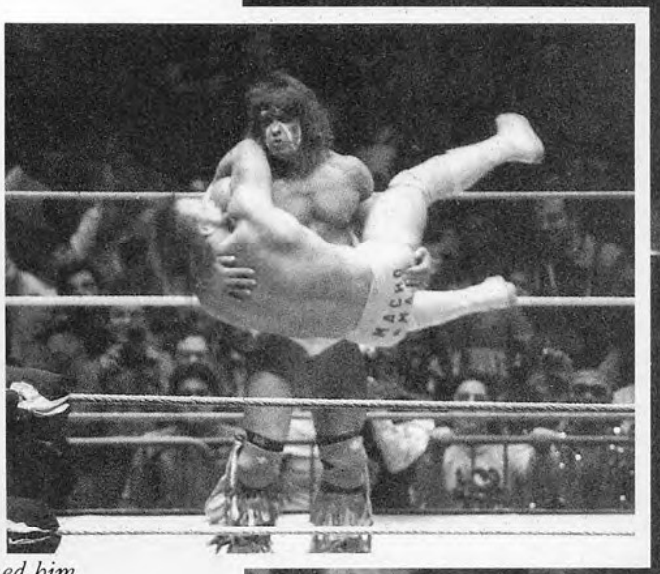
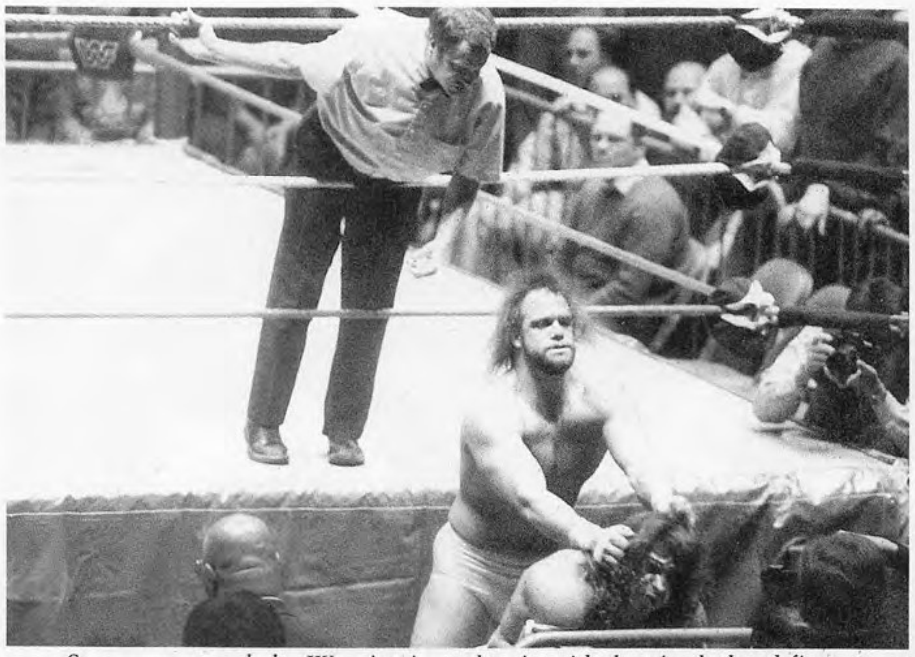
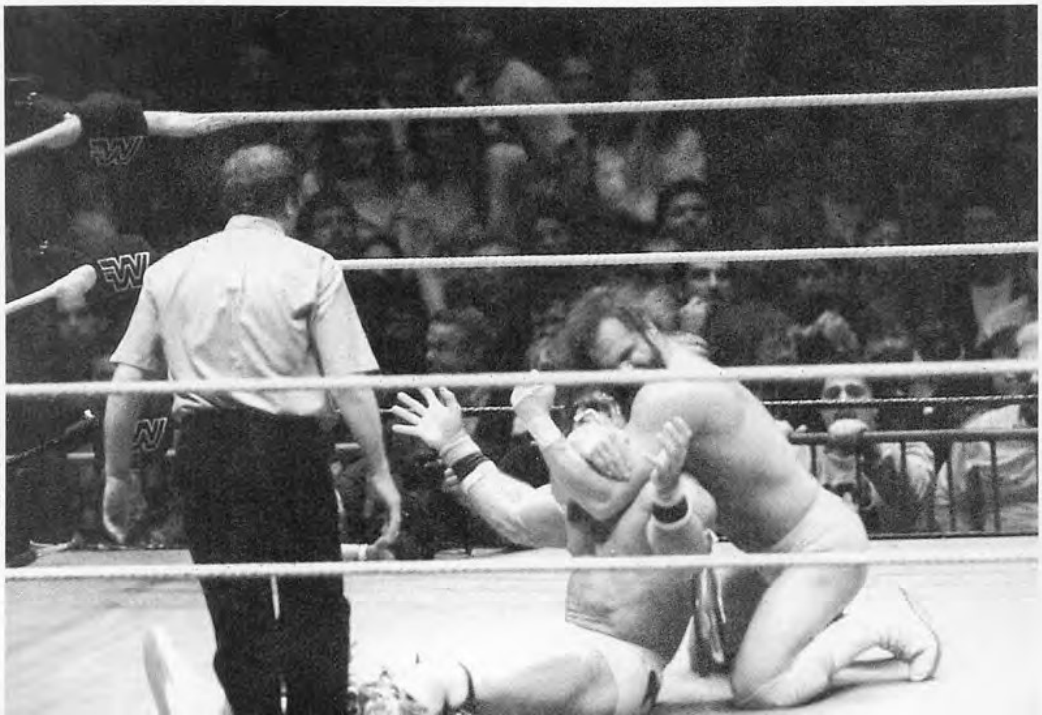




Warrior caught Savage coming off the top rope and bodyslammed him in the center of the ring.

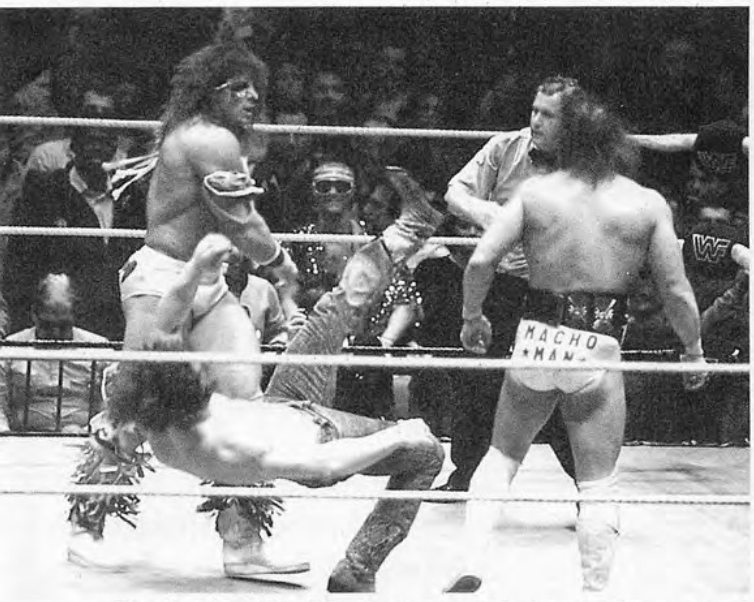


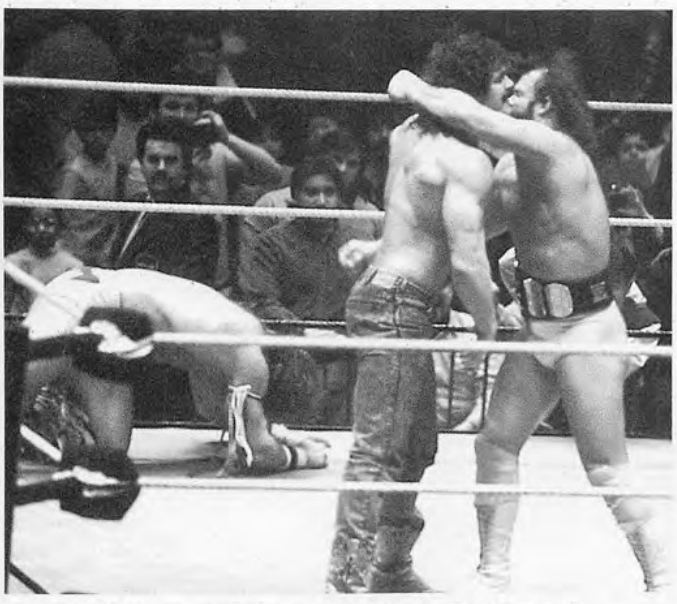
Savage rammed the Warrior into the ringside barricade head first.



In one of the few wrestling holds used, Randy has the Warrior trapped in a headlock.

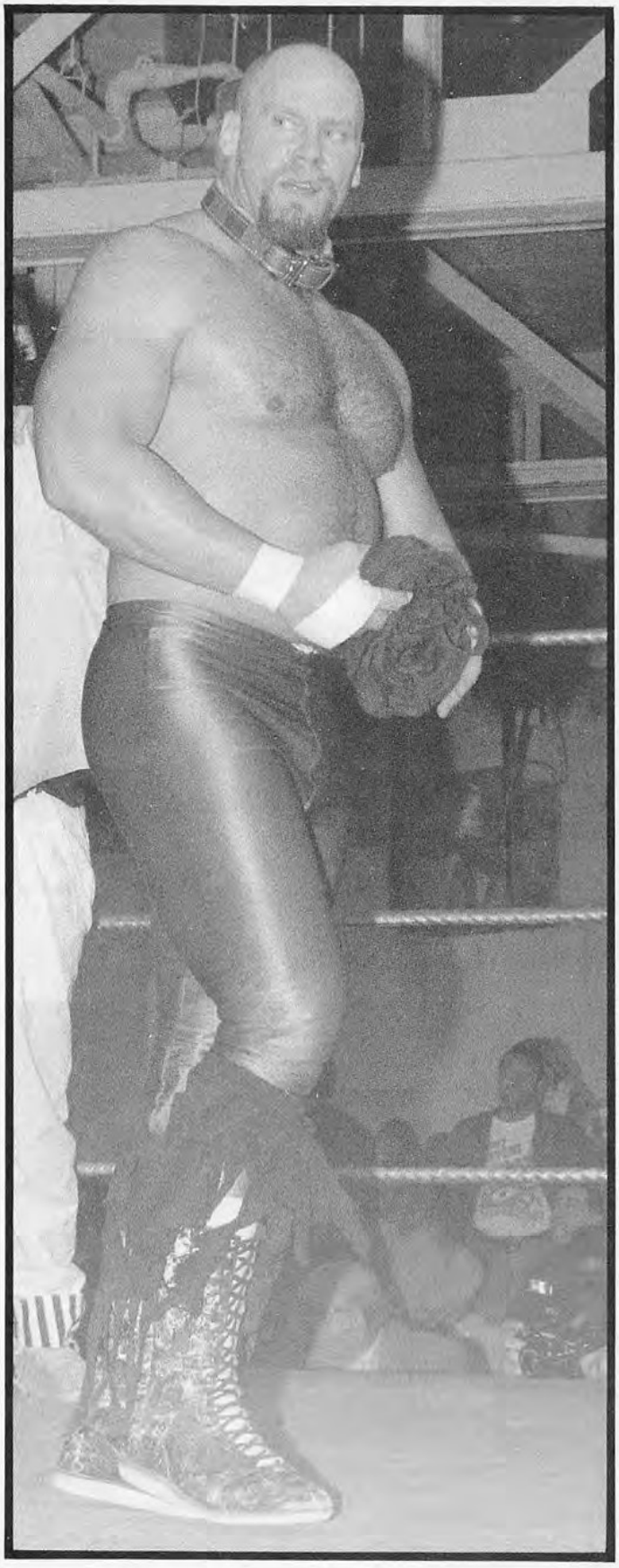
The Warrior manhandled Savage constantly. Here he savageously attacks a helpless World Champion.





Warrior punished Rude for interfering in the match. Savage saved Rude and the two embraced afterwards.

INTRODUCING MANDO KLEEN



By STEVE PFEFFER

"I'm the best Independent wrestler in the business today!", sounds like a thousand and one other claims to be number one, but in Mando Kleen's case it just happens to be right. Taking it upon myself to go on scouting missions in the Indies every once and awhile, to bring the readers of WME news of some of the top-flight, fast-breaking talent in our sport today. Mando Kleen has the look, the talent and the determination to take the world by storm.

Standing six foot three and weighing in at an even three hundred pounds of solid muscle, he's enough to make the toughest opponent shrivel up with fear. A former protege of "The Unpredictable" Johnny Rodz he has since broken off his ties with Johnny and is now challenging for his N.C.W. Heavyweight Championship. "I'll be wearing the Championship belt by the time anyone reads this article! Introducing Mando Kleen, Ha! I never need any type of introduction!"

At an undisclosed period in time, Mando, through a well known contact in the wrestling business, joined Johnny's school. Met with the greeting "Everybody

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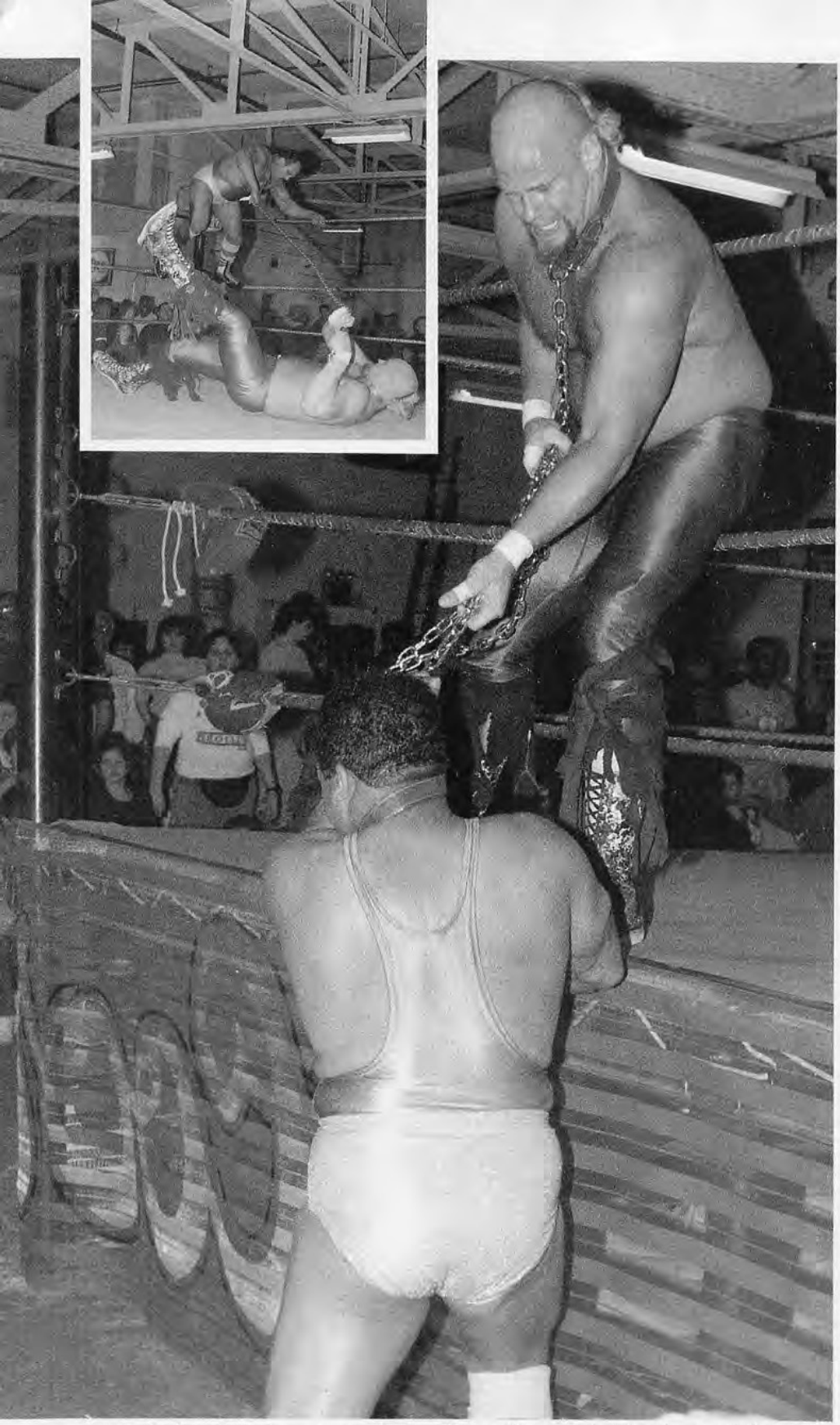
Mando Kleen was trained to be a wrestler by Johnny Rodz. Now they are feuding with each other over Johnny's NCW Heavyweight Title.



Mando fought Johnny recently in a dog collar match. Mando says Johnny is forcing him to wrestle these types of matches due to his inexperience.

wants to be a wrestler" by a sarcastic Johnny Rodz, he was suddenly filled with the determination to prove to everybody, including Johnny, that he could make it. "I paid my tuition, I worked my butt off and paid my dues and now it's time to dish out some punishment." Quickly excelling in a short period of time and seeming to be a natural, Mando started not only beating his opponents but totally demolishing them as well. His fellow students started getting worried that someone was going to get seriously hurt, after all this was only training right? Wrong! To Mando he was going to clean house with everyone he stepped into the ring with. "I don't care what anybody thinks. I'm out there to prove one thing and one thing only and that is I'm the best! Anybody standing in my way better watch out!"

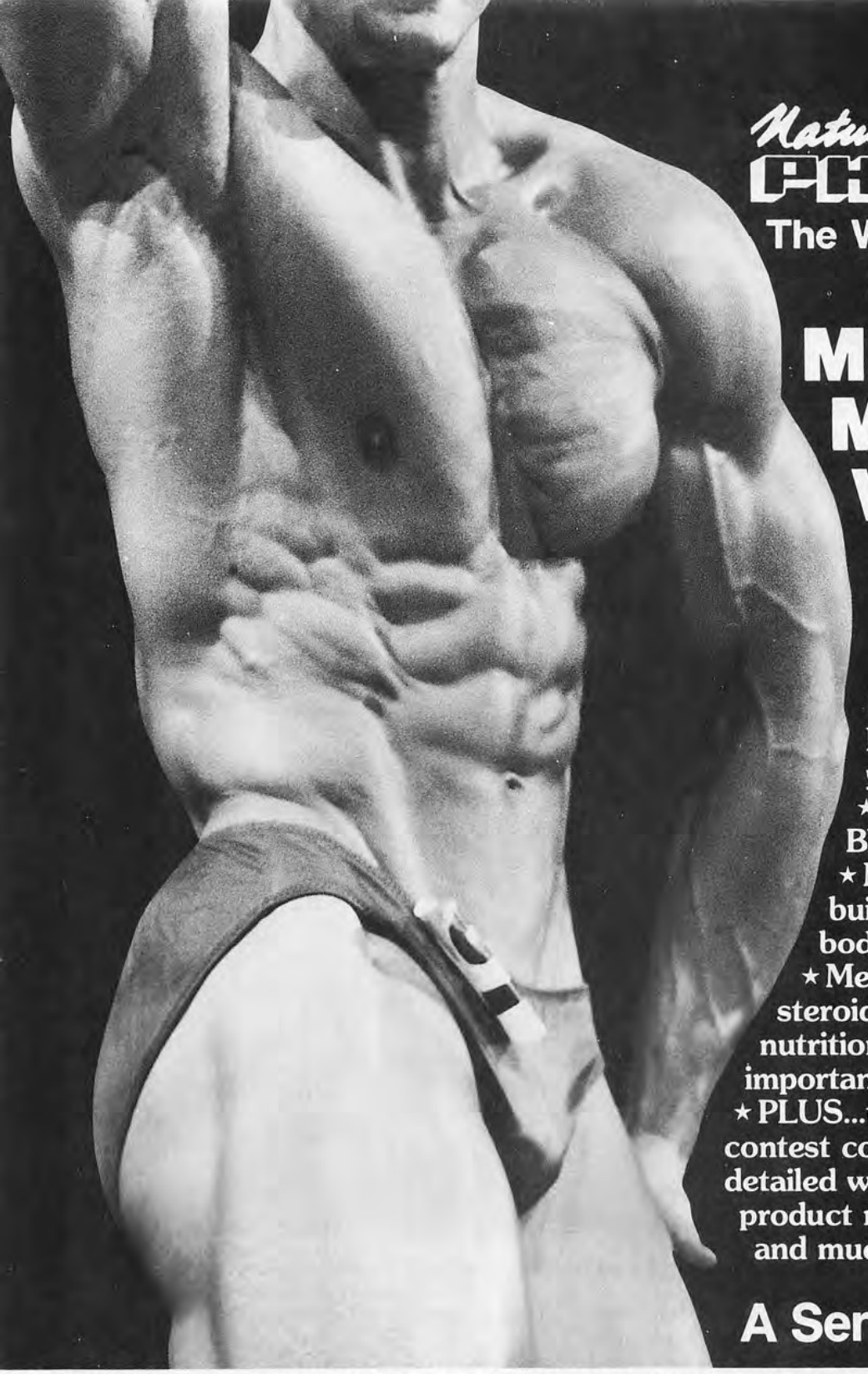
Traveling to California for a successful tour and winning the California State Championship, Mando finally declared his independence. "I'm not a student anymore. It's time for the student to face his teacher. I'm younger, smarter and more intelligent than Rodz, and he's going to find out just how tough I can be!"

Coming back to the East Coast, Mando Kleen immediately made his intentions known. He wanted a shot at Rodz's title. Thinking nothing of this challenge and thinking that it would be a good workout for his star pupil, he granted him the shot without any concerns or reservations. "He still thought of me as a pawn, a talent he was still in the process of molding."

A sell-out crowd came to Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn, N.Y. to see the match. Everything seemed fine, Johnny greeted Mando and Mando greeted Johnny. This was going to be a confrontation between two friends, a real lesson in sportsmanship. As soon as the bell rang Mando Kleen tore into his former mentor. This match was as brutal as they come, both men wrestling as if their careers and lives depended on it. This first confrontation ended in a double disqualification as both men had to be separated by the rest of the undercard. It was not only the end of a partnership but a friendship as well. "He couldn't handle me! We could have gone all night, they didn't need to disqualify us. A few more minutes and I would have been Champion!"

Next came a series of re-matches. Including a dog collar match and Lumberjack style match, both in front of sell out crowds and neither with a decisive winner. "Rodz knows I never fought in any kind of specialty matches before! He thinks it's the only way he can have his advantage. I tell you, he's good, he's faced the best in his time, in all types of matches. But now he has to get through me. I've dedicated my life to wrestling, unlike a lot of other independents, this is my only job. I don't hold down any other career so I can concentrate my full efforts on becoming the best in the world. I'm not the next "Macho Man" or Hulk Hogan, I'm the next step down the line. I don't need crazy clothes, a gimmick, or any type of mouthpiece. I speak for myself! I work for myself! Once the fans see me they'll be the ones demanding my big matches!"

So Mando, saying that, walked out and punished another young grappler who dreams of someday being a star. Mando Kleen expects to be a big wrestling star, after seeing him wrestle, I think he's going to make it.■



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THE LORD'S MANOR

By SHEEPHERDER LORD JONATHAN BOYD

Once again, as the most travelled wrestler in Professional Wrestling today, I am on the move as I say farewell to International Championship Wrestling. Being the ICW World Heavyweight Champion, after defeating "Jumping" Joe Savoldi for the title in Augusta, Maine in December, 1988, I was unbeatable. And, I am still undefeated as I give up the ICW World Title Belt. Now, don't get me wrong, Savoldi gave me one of the hardest matches in my career, but collecting Championship belts is a hobby of mine, after being Champion of 37 different countries. The ICW fans will never forget that Lord Jonathan Boyd, no matter who wins the tournament to see who will wear my title, will always be the man to beat before they can honestly say they are truly the Champ, HaHa.

Seeing that I am here in America, where Professional Wrestling at this time is at its greatest high, I have decided to continue my invasion of the U.S.A. The next title I am after is the Northwest Heavyweight Title. Action is running wild out there as some of the greatest wrestlers in the world today heat up the cold winter and set the Northwest arenas on fire with blood and guts action-packed matches. Every dressing room in every arena throughout the USA is talking about nothing else! I smell excitement in the air as I enter their wrestling wars. So, I wish the ICW luck as I leave knowing that I will never be replaced as Champion of the ICW in the fan's eyes.

Let this be a warning to any wrestler in the Northwest, or any other wrestling promotion that reads this column, I left Joe Savoldi swimming in his own Yankee blood and I intend to do the same to all I wrestle. When the bell rings, don't try to shake my hand, put something in it and try to hurt Lord Jonathan Boyd because I will be trying to hurt and destroy any and all wrestlers that have the guts to sign contracts to give me the opportunity to do so. I am an Australian and Aussies are the toughest race in the world and I am Australia's greatest wrestler. Here is another poem for all:

I am the Royal Kangaroo,
And on my feet, I wear wrestling shoes
To America I have come,
to display my talents and have some fun.
The Lord is here for you to see,
Built as tough as a big Oak tree,
Pinning my opponents is no tussle,
Because I use Australian muscle.

Now, I will answer some questions from the tons of mail that I get each month.

Q: Why have you, Butch and Luke given up the Sheepherder name?

A: Butch and Luke have become the fan's favorite tag team combination and are now with the WWF as the Bushwhackers. All three of us shared the Sheepherder name for a lot of years, they have gone their separate way and I have gone mine. As a single wrestler, I have always been The Royal Kangaroo and I always will be.

Q: Who would you say was the best in the ICW, besides yourself?

A: Duke, the manager, is one of the best and richest managers in the business. He has a wrestler named Mike Kahlua who one day is destined for greatness.

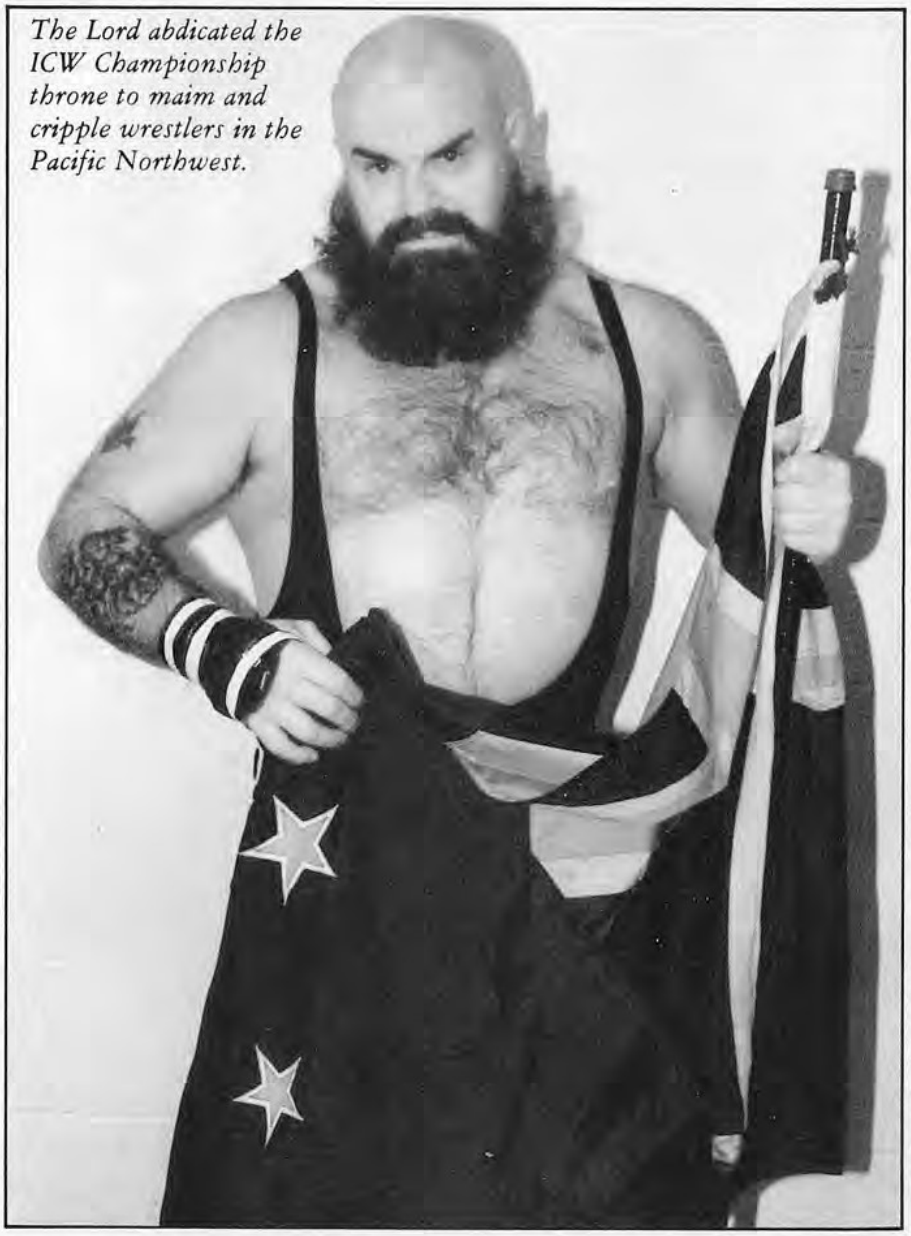
Q: Why do you hate American wrestlers?

A: I don't just hate American wrestlers, I hate you all!! Yanks think America is the world, but it is not! The world is a great big place with thousands of wrestlers, I know because I have enough bloody guts to travel and fight them all. Americans stay home with their air conditioned cars, air conditioned homes and their air conditioned women, you are a soft race of nothings.

That is all I wish to write for this month. At least I let the wrestling fans and wrestlers know just what I think. They say honesty is the best policy, I am the greatest and always will be!!

God Save the Queen!

Long Live the Lord!!■



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SHOULD WWF FANS TRUST "RUGGED" RONNIE GARVIN?

After a long time as a fan favorite in the NWA, Ron Garvin shocked everyone when he kayo'ed Dusty Rhodes with the "Hands of Stone" punch, costing Dusty the NWA U.S. Title last July in Baltimore. Leaving the NWA, Garvin continued his dirty ways in the AWA and WWC. Now he is in the WWF as a fan favorite. Should WWF fans trust "Rugged" Ronnie Garvin?

By SANDY KREBS

The Garvin Brothers, Ronnie and Terry, were two of the most hated men in Southern wrestling circles in the seventies. Along with their manager, brother James, the youngest of the three, they tore up territories and won Championships wherever they appeared. Terry retired and James grew up to be "Gorgeous" Jimmy Garvin and set out on a career of his own. As he grew older, Ron grew more mellow and, eventually, he became one of the most popular wrestlers in the Georgia Championship Wrestling area. When Jim Crockett Promotions took over the NWA Georgia promotion and merged it with the Mid-Atlantic promotion, Ron Garvin became one of the most popular and successful wrestlers in the Carolinas and Virginia also. As the NWA (as promoted by Jim Crockett Promotions) expanded throughout the country, fans everywhere grew to like and respect Ron Garvin as a wrestler and a Champion.

All that changed last July 10th in Baltimore, Maryland when Dusty Rhodes challenged Barry Windham for the NWA U.S. Heavyweight Championship. Referee Tommy Young had been stunned and knocked out of the ring. Dusty Rhodes had Windham beaten in the middle of the ring to take the U.S. strap. James J. Dillon, managing Windham, was frantic at ringside, he saw the U.S. Belt slipping from his grasp once again. Dusty stood up, looking for the referee. Just then, Ron Garvin sauntered to ringside and entered the ring. Dusty looked to his friend and motioned to him to get Tommy Young back into the ring, then he turned his attentions back to the fallen Champion. That was a big mistake. Ron Garvin was there to help a friend, but his friend wasn't Dusty Rhodes, his friend was his former U.S. Championship Tag Team partner, Barry Windham. Garvin tapped Dusty on the shoulder and when Rhodes turned around, Garvin kayo'ed Dusty with the famous "Hands of Stone" punch. Barry Windham pinned Dusty Rhodes to keep the U.S. title.

Fans at the Baltimore Arena were shocked. Ron Garvin had been respected as a tough but fair individual and a former NWA World Heavyweight Champion. Fans watching on pay-per-view television were even more shocked when they saw Ron Garvin accept a suitcase loaded with money from the hated Gary Hart and James J. Dillon. Garvin, Hart and Dillon had made a financial deal and set Dusty Rhodes up for a big downfall.

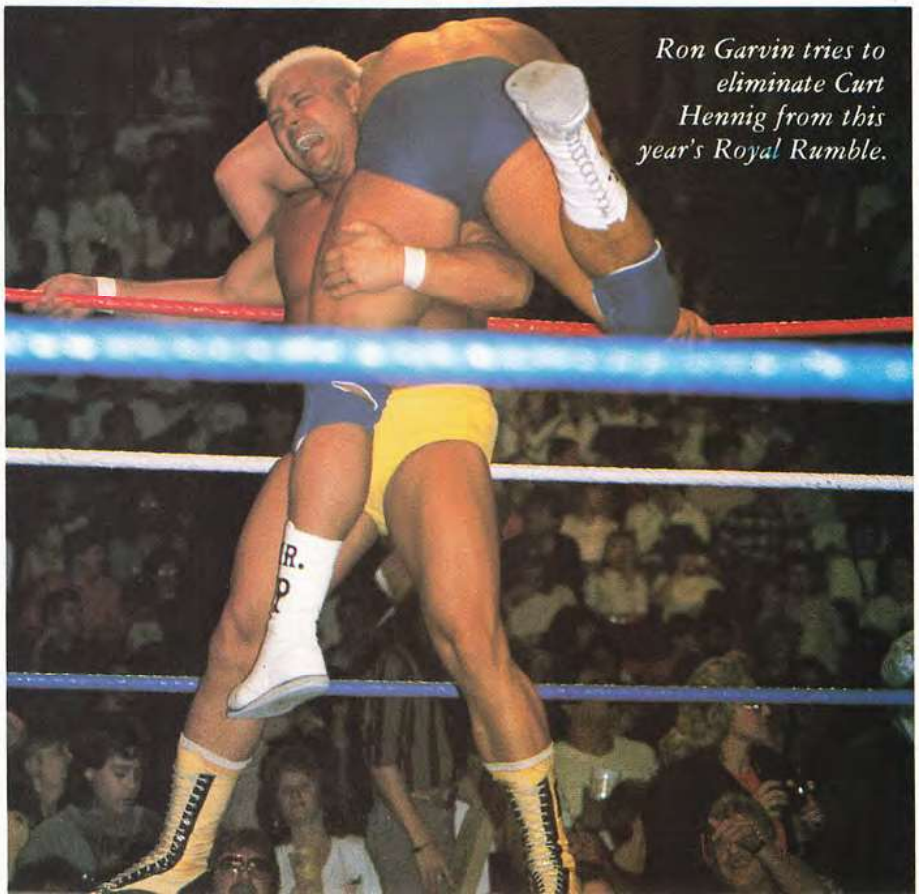
Within a month, Ron Garvin had left the NWA (the NWA announced that Dusty Rhodes had severely injured him and he would be out of action for six months.). Less than a month later, Ron Garvin was wrestling again, this time in the AWA and he was the number one challenger for the AWA International TV Title, held by Greg Gagne. Ron Garvin had a TV Title match scheduled for September, in Tennessee, with Gagne which would be broadcast world-wide by ESPN. In that match, Ron Garvin wrestled rough but fair. In the match an incident occurred which showed Garvin's true colors. As he was leap-frogging Gagne, Ron apparently twisted his ankle as he landed. Gagne, being a sportsman and a Champion, gave Ron some time to recu-

Ron Garvin has been feuding with Greg Valentine in the WWF.

Ron and Greg have revived an old feud from the NWA and are engaging in no-holds-barred brawls around the country.

perate. Ron Garvin, showing his appreciation for the break in the action, sucker-punched Gagne with the "Hands of Stone" punch and pinned the gullible Gagne to take the TV Title. Garvin had been faking the injury, he wasn't hurt at all. Garvin broke the rules to win a title, a title he might have been able to win fair and square.

In Puerto Rico, Hercules Ayala was stripped of the WWC Universal Heavyweight Championship after an incident at the WWC Annual Awards Banquet which saw Ayala attack Mrs. Carlos Colon and beat her after Carlos Colon had been named the WWC's "Wrestler of the Year". A tournament was held to name the new WWC Universal Champion. Invitations went out to every top wrestler in the world to come to Puerto Rico and fight for the right to be a Champion. Top men such as the Iron Sheik, Terry Funk, Eddie Gilbert and others took up the challenge. So did Ronnie Garvin. The Puerto Rican fans remembered Garvin as a scientific wrestler and welcomed him back to the Island with open arms. Indeed, whenever he appeared on the Island, he



Ron Garvin tries to eliminate Curt Hennig from this year's Royal Rumble.

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wrestled hated rulebreakers such as the Iron Sheik. In the tournament, Ron Garvin advanced to the final match where he would meet Carlos Colon, the Puerto Rican idol, on Thanksgiving night. Colon looked forward to meeting Garvin because he knew the match would be a scientific one. The fans packed the arena in Carolina to see the important battle between the Island's two most popular stars. The match was a scientific one until the end. Colon and Garvin traded holds and no rules were broken, there was an incident where tempers flared briefly, however the two men shook hands and continued to wrestle. There was a lot at stake in the match, the Universal Championship is the most prestigious wrestling award in the Carribean, Central and South America. Finally, Garvin showed his true colors again. As in the match with Greg Gagne, Ron Garvin leap-frogged Carlos Colon, who had whipped him into the ropes to set up a back-flip. Garvin landed wrong again and again he twisted his ankle. Apparently Colon had been unaware of what happened to Gagne in Tennessee for he told the referee to give Garvin some time to recover. As Colon inched closer to check on his opponent's condition, Garvin threw the "Hands of Stone" punch and knocked Colon out for an easy pin and the WWC Universal Championship belt. The crowd, which had applauded both men as they entered the ring, nearly rioted as Chicky Starr, the manager the Puerto Rican fans hated most, came to the ring to congratulate the new Champion. Starr escorted Garvin back to the rulebreaker's dressing room (he had come to the ring from the fan favorite's dressing room) as the crowd cursed and threw garbage at the new Champion.

During the tournament, Ron Garvin had negotiated a new contract with Vince McMahon and the WWF. He started wrestling for that organization in late November. He entered the WWF as a fan favorite, surprising many people who had been watching his most recent actions in the ring. Ron Garvin immediately got involved in a feud with an old enemy from his NWA days, Greg "the Hammer" Valentine. These matches have been no-holds-barred brawls from start to finish and each man has won his share of the battles. Because Valentine had long before established himself as a man WWF fans love to hate, they automatically began to cheer "Rugged" Ron Garvin. Garvin is still the same wrestler we all know, not scientific, rough but fair. He has started once again to throw the towel he wears into the ring out into the crowd. He had stopped that when his ring philosophy changed. However, has Ron Garvin seen the light and accepted the fans' cheers once again or is he setting up some dubious member of the WWF for his own gains?

Garvin tries to throw Andre the Giant from the ring at the Royal Rumble. Garvin fears no man in the sport.

Since coming to the WWF, Garvin has also wrestled in the AWA and the WWC. At the SuperClash III show in Chicago, although he was cheered by the majority of the crowd, he broke every rule in the book and, eventually, lost the TV Title back to Greg Gagne when he was counted out of the ring. After that show, he returned to Puerto Rico to defend the Universal Championship against Carlos Colon. Garvin needed to be escorted to the ring by police and, again, broke every rule in the book. His over-cockiness cost him the Universal Title as he sat on Colon in a pinning attempt. Colon reversed the pin and kept Ronnie's shoulders down for the three count to regain his valued prize. Yet, despite his attitude in these two organizations, Garvin seems to be walking the straight and narrow path in the WWF.

In a promotion which has just seen the MegaPowers break up with a Wrestlemania V main event grudge match scheduled between Randy Savage and Hulk Hogan the "best friends", which has seen the Powers of Pain turn their backs on the fans at the Survivor Series, held in Cleveland, Ohio Thanksgiving night, not to mention past attitude changes by Paul Orndorff, Andre the Giant and others, is it not safe to wonder, based on past actions, should WWF wrestling fans trust "Rugged" Ronnie Garvin?? ■

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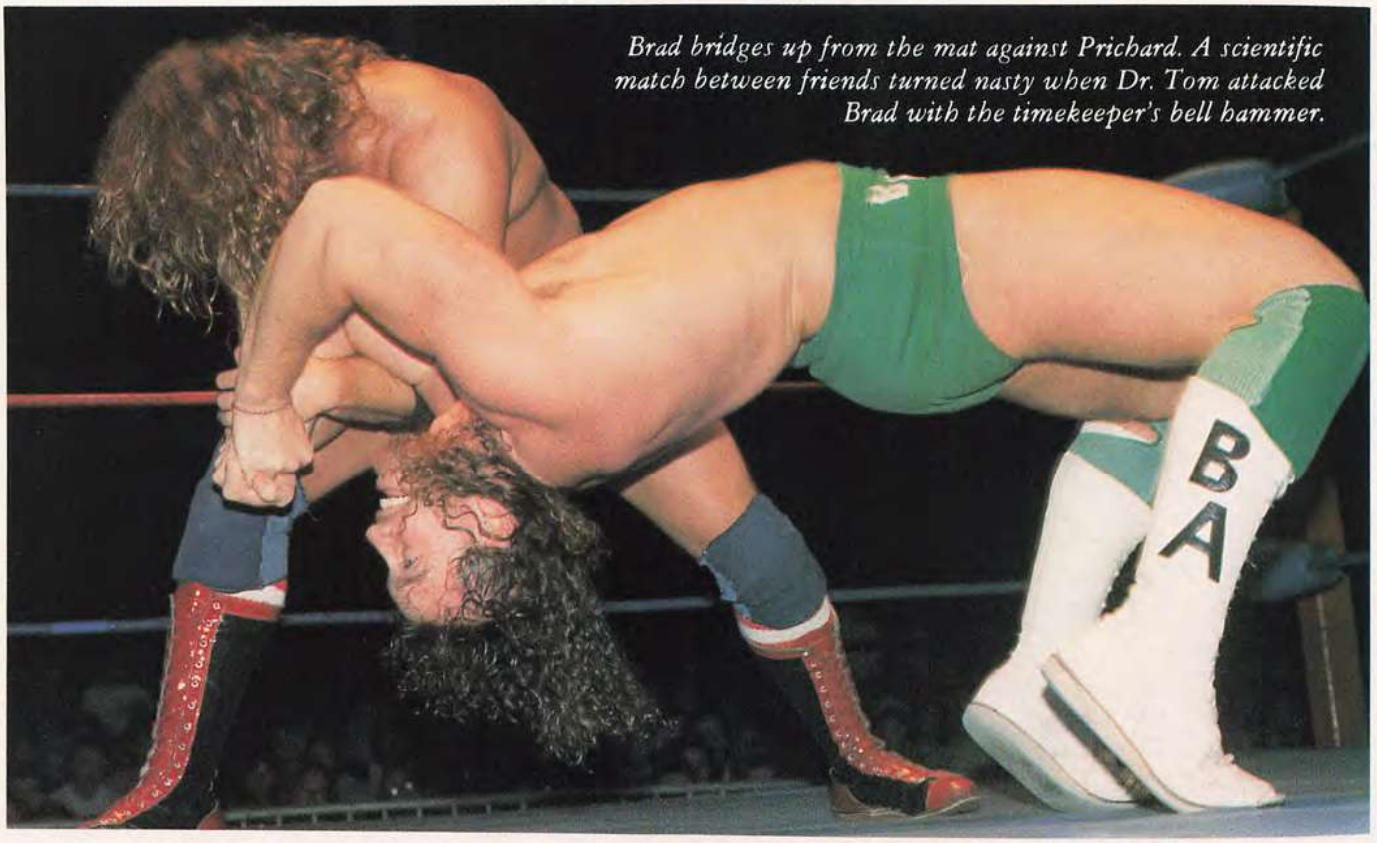
BRAD ARMSTRONG:

Climbing Back Up The Ladder Of Success

For six years Brad Armstrong steadily was climbing to the top of the wrestling world. That all changed when the UWF was bought by Jim Crockett's NWA promotion. Finding NWA politics difficult to overcome, Brad left the organization last September and again is finding the success that was denied him in the NWA.



Brad bridges up from the mat against Prichard. A scientific match between friends turned nasty when Dr. Tom attacked Brad with the timekeeper's bell hammer.

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By SANDY KREBS

Brad Armstrong has achieved a lot in his relatively short wrestling career. He is only 27 years old, not yet in his prime, however he has held numerous Championships during his six year career. Among the titles he has held are: the National Heavyweight Championship in Georgia (won from Ted DiBiase), the U.S. Junior Heavyweight Championship, the Alabama State Title and such tag titles as the Florida Title (with Magnum T.A.), the National Title and Southeastern Titles (with his father, Bob Armstrong) and the UWF World Tag Team Title (with his "Lightning Express" partner, Tim Horner). It is obvious that Brad Armstrong is a top notch grappler.

Brad probably achieved his greatest fame while in Georgia. Appearing weekly on WTBS' "Georgia Championship Wrestling", he quickly gained the admiration of fans for his limitless skills in the ring, not to mention the love of young girls nationwide because of his good looks. When the Georgia promotion went out of business, Brad traveled further North to Crockett Promotions. It was there he formed the team that was eventually to become known as the "Lightning Express" with Tim Horner. Horner and Armstrong worked smoothly and effortlessly as a team. Quickly they became popular with the fans. Looking to further their careers, the duo moved to the UWF, where they met their greatest success as a team.

Eddie Gilbert ruled the Southwest with his corporation "Hot Stuff Intl.", which later evolved into the First Family. Rick Steiner and Sting, then two henchmen for Gilbert, held the UWF World Tag Team Championships. The Lightning Express came into the territory and soundly beat Steiner and Sting and they were on their way. Besides Eddie Gilbert's group, Devastation, Inc. was also creating chaos in the UWF and that meant the Angel of Death and Black Bart. The Freebirds were there and later, came the Sheepherders. The tag team action in the UWF was top-notch and the Lightning Express was the team to beat.

In 1987, Jim Crockett purchased the UWF from Bill Watts and the fall of the Lightning Express and, especially, Brad Armstrong was about to come. The Sheepherders won the UWF World Tag Belts from Brad and Tim in a highly controversial match and continued to defend those belts through the end of 1987, against the ex-Champions, as well as Michael Hayes and Jimmy Garvin. At the beginning of 1988, Crockett Promotions discontinued all the UWF Titles. And this is where Brad Armstrong's problems began. The Lightning Express was no longer the #1 contenders for the UWF Titles and could no longer position themselves in line for any title shots. It seemed as if the NWA hierarchy was discriminating against all former UWF wrestlers, by making them prove themselves against NWA stars before they could become top contenders. Many of the former UWF men left the NWA, including Tim Horner, which left Brad Armstrong on his own. Brad was still popular in his own right and had to establish himself as a Singles competitor in the NWA. A problem arose, he almost never appeared on TV. It seemed as if to be a big star in the NWA, you had to be blond, and, to be a big fan favorite in the NWA, you had to be blond and obese. Yes, the shadow of Dusty Rhodes consumed Brad Armstrong, obscuring his talent and burying him on the undercards of many small shows held in local high school gyms.

Briefly, a feud with Al Perez brought Brad Armstrong back into prominence in the early Summer, but that feud ended quickly when Perez got involved with Nikita Koloff. Again, Brad was lost. Later in the summer, after Robert Gibson quit the NWA, Brad was preparing to form a tag team with Ricky Morton. Ricky left also, and, again, Brad was back to square one. Brad was getting frustrated with the way his career in the NWA was going, like so many former UWF wrestlers before him did.

He had one last chance. On Clash of the Champions III, he had a match for the TV Title, held by Mike Rotunda. They fought to a draw, and then Brad Armstrong decided to leave the NWA.

Brad Armstrong's greatest success stories had always been in the Deep South, so he returned to his roots and went to the CWF. It didn't take long for Brad to recapture the magic that his career had been missing in the NWA. Quickly moving up the contender list for the CWF Heavyweight Title, he found himself as the #1 challenger for Dr. Tom Prichard's belt after the "Wheel of Fortune" was spun and the needle stopped on his name. Prichard and Armstrong were good friends. Along with the Bullet, these men were fighting the deviousness of Dirty White Boy, "Mr. Perfect" Jerry Stubbs and others. In fact, the Bullet and Brad briefly held the CWF Tag Belts after defeating Stubbs and the Dirty White Boy.

Brad knees Prichard in the face. He may go back to the CWF to feud with the CWF Champion.

Brad was looking forward to his match with Prichard. He expected a good, clean scientific match with his friend. Unfortunately, he didn't get it. Dr. Tom reverted back to his old ways and attacked Brad from behind and knocked him out with the timekeeper's bell hammer. A new feud was born between two long-time friends.

Suddenly, Brad Armstrong left the CWF. No one knows why. Just as it appeared he was about to take the title, he quit the organization. Rumors abound, Brad was disheartened by the betrayal of his friend, Brad is going to the WWF, Brad is going to the NWA, again, Brad quit wrestling.

None of these rumors are true. Brad Armstrong is wrestling quite successfully in the South for many promotions. He is in Georgia, he is wrestling for Atlantic Coast Wrestling and he is wrestling for many independent promotions in the Carolinas. "I like what I'm doing now," said Brad. "Traveling around and meeting new opponents every night has sparked my competitive spirit. It's a lot different in the NWA. There you wrestle the same men all the time, after awhile it gets tiresome. Here, one night I can wrestle Tommy Rich, another night I could be wrestling Buddy Landell and another night I could be teaming with my brother, Scott, against the Mod Squad. And, I get to stay closer to home and near the fans who have supported me my entire career. I don't rule out going back to the NWA or joining Tim in the WWF or even going back to Alabama to take care of Prichard, it's just not the time or place, there's a lot of unfinished business to take care of right here, and I'm just the man."

Brad Armstrong has been as success wherever he has been and to a certain extent, he was successful in the new NWA, too. Now, he has gone back to his roots to rekindle the competitive fires and to begin the long climb back to stardom. Stardom which brought him many titles in his short career and will bring him many more in the years to come.■

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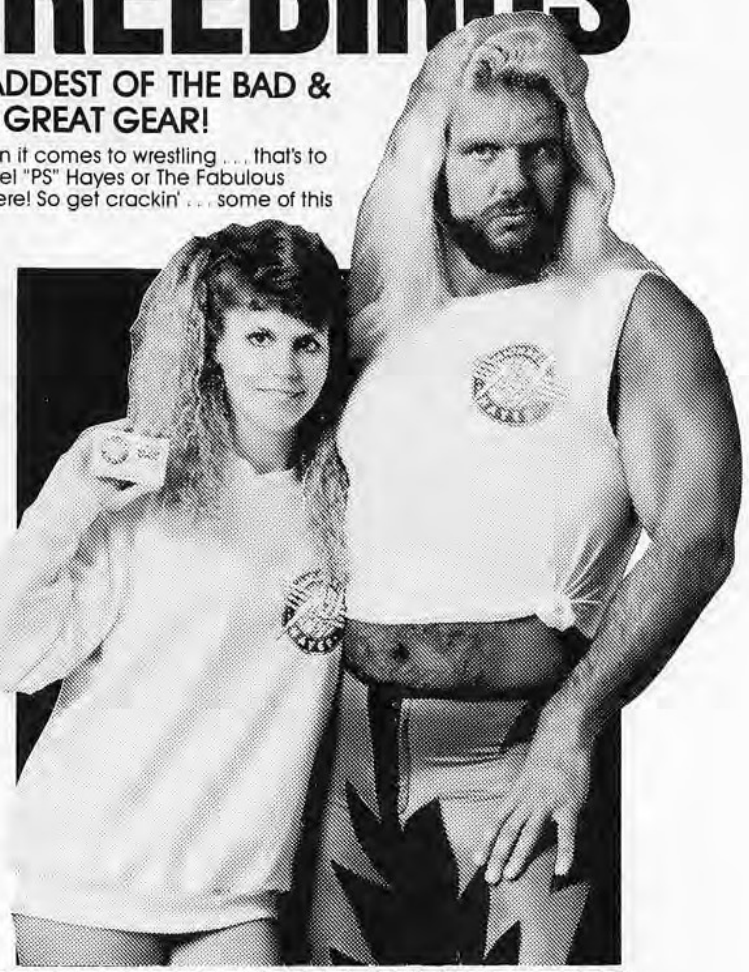

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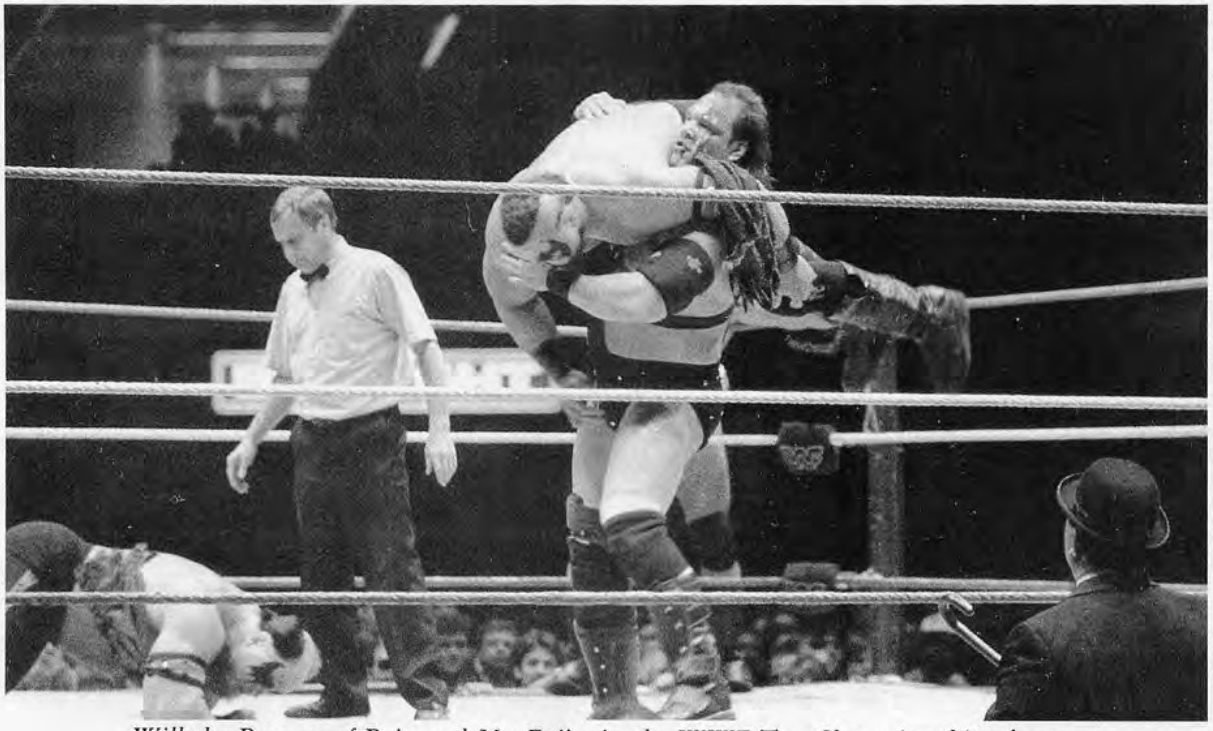

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Will the Powers of Pain and Mr. Fuji win the WWF Tag Championships from Demolition at Wrestlemania V?

WRESTLING'S TOP TWENTY (as of 2/21/89)

1. **Ricky Steamboat** NWA World Champion
2. **Randy Savage** WWF World Champion
3. **Ric Flair** #1 contender NWA Title
4. **Hulk Hogan** #1 contender WWF Title
5. **Lex Luger** NWA U.S. Heavyweight Champion
6. **Barry Windham** #1 contender U.S. Title
7. **Sting** #2 contender NWA Title
8. **Jerry Lawler** WCCW "Unified" World Champion
9. **Ted DiBiase** #2 contender WWF Title
10. **Kerry Von Erich** #1 contender WCCW Title
11. **The Ultimate Warrior** WWF Inter-Continental Champion
12. **Mike Rotunda** NWA World TV Champion
13. **Rick Steiner** #1 contender TV Title
14. **Larry Zbyszko** AWA World Champion
15. **Steve Williams** #2 contender TV Title
16. **Andre the Giant** #3 contender WWF Title
17. **Don Muraco** Stampede North American Champion
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1. **The Road Warriors** NWA World Champions
2. **The Midnight Express** #1 contenders NWA Title
3. **Demolition** WWF World Champions
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5. **The Varsity Club** NWA U.S. Champions
6. **The Powers of Pain** #1 contenders WWF Title
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World Champion: Randy Savage
1. The Ultimate Warrior
2. Hulk Hogan
3. Ted DiBiase
4. Andre the Giant
5. The Big Boss Man
6. Jake Roberts
7. Curt Hennig
8. Bad News Brown
9. "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan
10. Brutus Beefcake

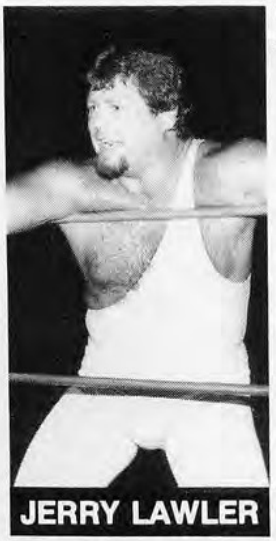
NWA
World Champion: Ricky Steamboat
1. Lex Luger
2. Mike Rotunda
3. Ric Flair
4. Barry Windham
5. Sting
6. Rick Steiner
7. Steve Williams
8. Michael Hayes
9. Abdullah the Butcher
10. Eddie Gilbert

RICKY STEAMBOAT

AWA
World Champion: Larry Zbyszko
1. Greg Gagne
2. Don Muraco
3. Wahoo McDaniel
4. Manny Fernandez
5. Sgt. Slaughter
6. Col. DeBeers
7. Ken Patera
8. Tom Zenk
9. Tommy Rich
10. The Iron Sheik

LARRY ZBYSZKO

WWC
Universal Champion: Carlos Colon
1. Jason the Terrible
2. Abdullah the Butcher
3. TNT
4. Chicky Starr
5. Ricky Santana
6. Rufus R. Jones
7. The Iron Sheik
8. Islander Tama
9. Kensuke Sasaki
10. El Profe


JERRY LAWLER

WORLD CLASS
World Champion: Jerry Lawler
1. Brickhouse Brown
2. Kerry Von Erich
3. Kevin Von Erich
4. Super Black Ninja
5. Chris Adams
6. Jimmy Jack Funk
7. Cactus Jack
8. Gary Young
9. Kendo Nagasaki
10. Cpl. Braddock

WOMEN
1. Wendi Richter
2. Misty Blue Simms
3. Debbie Combs
4. Madusa Miceli
5. Rockin' Robin
6. Sensational Sherri
7. Velvet McIntyre
8. Linda Dallas
9. Judy Martin
10. Candi Divine

TED DIBIASE

MOST HATED
1. Randy Savage
2. Ted DiBiase
3. Ric Flair
4. Andre the Giant
5. Barry Windham
6. The Big Boss Man
7. Jerry Lawler
8. "Ravishing" Rick Rude
9. Kevin Sullivan
10. Mike Rotunda

HULK HOGAN

MOST POPULAR
1. Hulk Hogan
2. Sting
3. Lex Luger
4. The Ultimate Warrior
5. Ricky Steamboat
6. "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan
7. Kerry Von Erich
8. Rick Steiner
9. Michael Hayes
10. Brutus Beefcake

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The final word this month from WRESTLING'S MAIN EVENT!

INTRODUCING ATLANTIC COAST WRESTLING

By DEBRA MOSER

The newest promotion to enter into the wrestling scene is Atlantic Coast Wrestling, based in Mooresville, N.C., owned and operated by longtime wrestling great, and World Junior Heavyweight Champion, Nelson Royal.

Some of the top stars making appearances in the A.C.W. are the Rock 'N' Roll Express, Jimmy Garvin and Precious, Baby Doll, Nikita Koloff, the Mod Squad, Scott Armstrong and, of course, Nelson Royal. There is a host of young lions in this organization who have the potential to be some of the top stars in the sport within a short period of time. Some of these youngsters are: Tommy Angel, L.A. Stephens, Todd Champion, David Isley, John Savage, Mitch Snow and many others. Others in the A.C.W. include veterans such as: Colt Steele, Doug Somers, Gene Ligon, The Deaton Brothers and many, many more are expected to appear soon.

The A.C.W. promotes shows mainly in Virginia and North Carolina and can be seen on a wide network of TV stations throughout the Mid-Atlantic Coast area.

This young organization has the potential to become a major competitor in the wrestling world as they have brought the true meaning of the word "wrestling" back without all of the hype and glamour that is in some of the larger organizations.

Jimmy Garvin and Precious, along with Nelson Royal and his valet, Sha Sha, are the top stars in the A.C.W.

But is this enough for success? The A.C.W. has got to have strong cards with major stars to compete with the large organizations. Under the guidance of Nelson Royal, a veteran of the wrestling game both on the mat and behind the scenes, this organization should have much success in the future and deserves the support of true wrestling fans.■

Scott Armstrong is feuding with Nelson Royal for the Jr. Heavyweight Title.

Tommy Angel is an up-and-coming star in the A.C.W.

Todd Champion is also appearing for the A.C.W.

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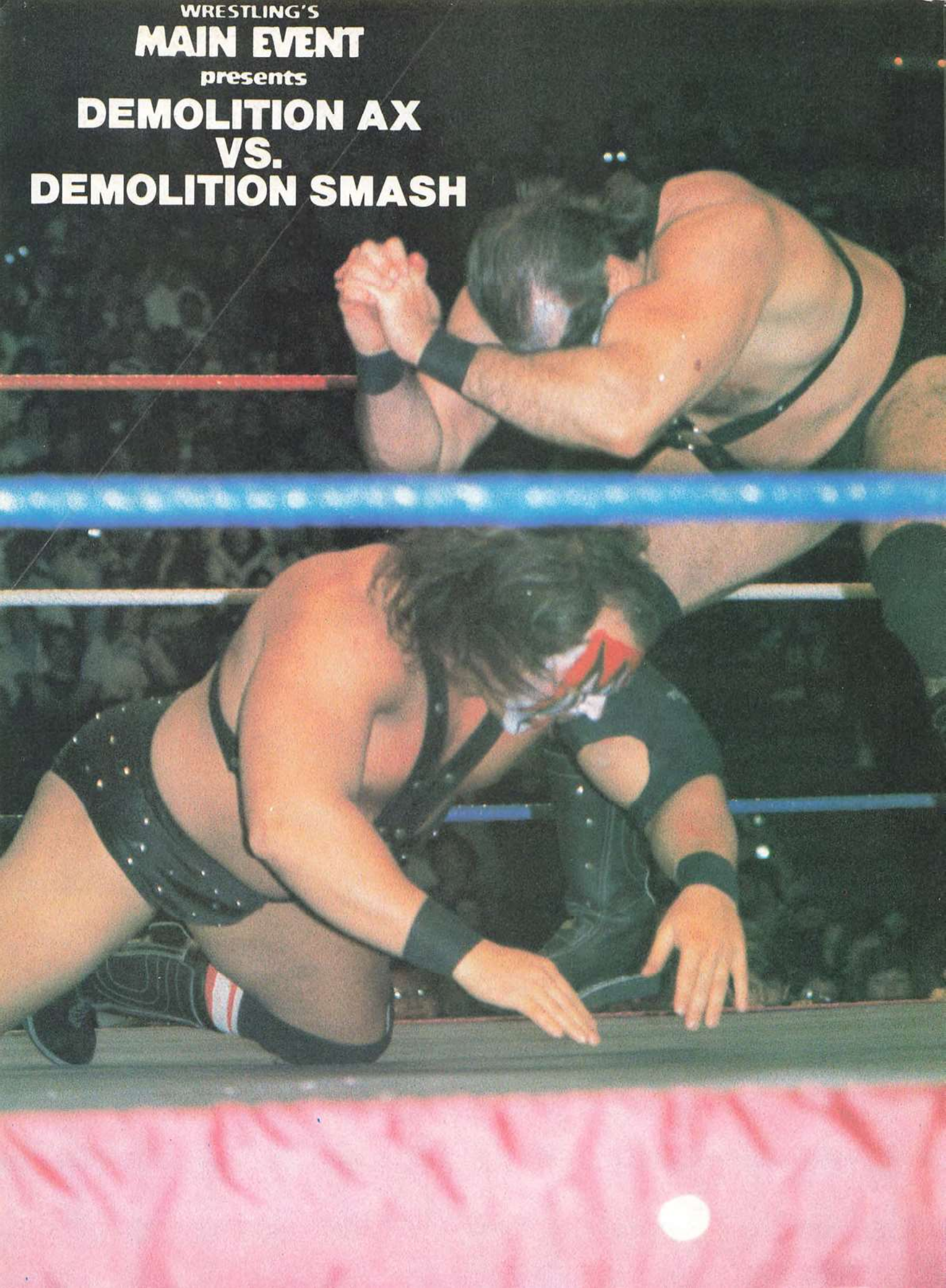
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